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Consultation questions

1 Consultation questions

1.1 The purpose of this consultation is to seek your views on this SA Report prepared to accompany the Submission Version Local Plan February 2018. We would particularly welcome your comments on the following:

Question 1

Do you support the overall approach taken to the appraisal of options?

Question 2

Have we correctly identified the main significant effects and potential mitigation measures?

Question 3

Do you wish to make a comment on the appraisal of one or more Local Plan policy option(s)?

Question 4

Do you wish to make a comment on the appraisal of one or more housing or employment requirement option(s)?

Question 5

Do you wish to make a comment on the appraisal of one or more proposed development site option(s)?

Question 6

Do you wish to make a comment on the appraisal of alternative development approaches for Cheadle?

Question 7

Do you wish to make a comment on the appraisal of alternative development approaches for the Rural Areas?

Question 8

Do you wish to make a comment on the monitoring proposals, in particular the sustainability effects to be monitored and the information to be collected, including by whom and when?

Question 9

Do you wish to make any other comments about this SA Report?

Question 10

Does this February 2018 SA Report, together with the SA Scoping Report, provide sufficient information to demonstrate that an appropriate SA has been carried out of the Staffordshire Moorlands Local Plan?

Question 11

Do you wish to make a comment on either or both of the supporting documents: the Habitats Regulations Assessment report of the Staffordshire Moorlands Local Plan February 2018, or the Equality Impact Assessment report of the Local Plan at this stage? Both these reports are available alongside this SA Report.

1.2 Details of how to respond are provided from paragraph 3.20 of this report.

Non technical summary

2 Non technical summary

2.1 This section sets out a non technical summary of the information provided in this document.

2.1 Overall approach

2.2 The Staffordshire Moorlands Local Plan provides a framework for the delivery of development, guiding how and where the District will grow over the period 2016 to 2031. The challenge for the Plan is to ensure that planned growth is sustainable and delivers the necessary housing, employment, shopping and community facilities, whilst ensuring that the District's valuable natural and built heritage assets and its character are not compromised. To help understand the performance of the Plan against this challenge, during the course of its preparation, the Local Plan's proposals (and the options considered in developing them) are subjected to a prescribed appraisal known as a sustainability appraisal. This report documents the appraisal and its findings.

2.3 The sustainability appraisal of the emerging Local Plan is carried out by members of the Council's Regeneration Service team, following a method established by national guidance. At each stage of the Local Plan (preferred option sites and boundaries, preferred options, and now submission version) a report of the sustainability appraisal has been published. The reports provide an assessment of how the Local Plan's options and proposals perform against sustainability objectives. Comments provided to the Council on each published report of the sustainability appraisal have been used to improve the appraisal and amend the report. The findings of the sustainability appraisal have been used to inform the preparation of the Local Plan.

2.2 Objectives of the Plan

2.4 The Staffordshire Moorlands Local Plan sets out a vision for the direction in which the Council would like to take the District in the long term. The central theme of the vision is to see Staffordshire Moorlands become an exceptional place to live, work and visit. This means balancing the need to foster sustainable growth where it is needed and beneficial, with the need to protect and enhance the District's heritage and its significant built and natural assets.

2.5 The Local Plan vision is supported by four spatial aims that address how the vision will be delivered. These aims are to see Staffordshire Moorlands become an exceptional place to live, work and visit by:

- Creating distinctive, sustainable, self-supporting settlements.
- Meeting the needs of our communities.
- Encouraging a strong, prosperous and diverse economy.
- Maintaining a quality environment and special places.

2.6 The aims are given further clarity through the identification of a series of objectives for the Local Plan that indicate the broad direction that the more detailed Plan strategy and policy measures take and provide the basis for subsequent targets and indicators. The Plan objectives are:

- To make provision for the overall land-use requirements for the District, consistent with national policy and evidence.

- To create a District where development minimises its impact on the environment, helps to mitigate and adapt to the adverse effects of climate change and makes efficient use of resources.
- To develop and diversify in a sustainable manner the District's economy and meet local employment needs in the towns and villages.
- To provide new housing that is affordable, desirable, well-designed and meets the needs of residents of the Moorlands.
- To ensure the long-term vitality and viability of the three market towns of Leek, Biddulph and Cheadle.
- To maintain and promote sustainable regenerated rural areas and communities with access to employment opportunities, housing and services for all.
- To support and enhance the tourism, cultural, recreation and leisure opportunities for the District's residents and visitors.
- To promote local distinctiveness by means of good design and the conservation, protection and enhancement of historic, environmental and cultural assets throughout the District.
- To conserve and improve the character and distinctiveness of the countryside and its landscape, heritage, biodiversity and geological resources.
- To deliver sustainable, inclusive, healthy and safe communities.
- To reduce the need to travel or make it safer and easier to travel by more sustainable forms of transport.

2.3 Main options considered

2.7 In order to meet the vision and objectives described above, the Staffordshire Moorlands Local Plan establishes the extent of land that will be required for new homes and employment and sets out both development principles and development management policies. The Plan also identifies specific sites for the location of growth. The role of the sustainability appraisal has been to help review the implications of taking forward alternative possible options for each of the above and in each case to make recommendations about the most sustainable approach for the Local Plan to take. The sustainability appraisal also suggests ways to mitigate any negative effects identified or to maximise any positive effects.

Housing requirement options

2.8 Nathaniel Lichfield & Partners (NLP) prepared a Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA) on behalf of the Council in April 2014. The identification of Objectively Assessed Need (OAN) for housing was at the heart of the study, based on a range of housing, economic and demographic factors, trends and forecasts. Between 2014 and 2017 the demographic data underpinning NLP's modelling work was updated by the Office for National Statistics (ONS) and NLP prepared a series of updates to their report accordingly. The latest update to the SHMA was published in February 2017.

2.9 At the Council Assembly meeting on 8th March 2017 it was resolved to take forward an annual housing requirement of 320 homes per year.

2.10 To help inform this decision, the following options were appraised in February 2017:

- Option 1: 235 new homes each year (2014 - 2031)
- Option 2: 260 new homes each year (2014 - 2031)
- Option 3: 330 new homes each year (2014 - 2031)
- Option 4: 450 new homes each year (2014 - 2031)

2.11 Previously in January 2016, alternatives had been considered as follows:

- Option 1: 250 new homes each year (2016 - 2031)
- Option 2: 320 new homes each year (2016 - 2031)
- Option 3: 440 new homes each year (2016 - 2031)
- Option 4: 520 new homes each year (2016 - 2031)

Employment land requirements

2.12 Nathaniel Lichfield & Partners (NLP) prepared an Employment Land Review for the District in July 2014. This study was updated in February 2017 to incorporate more recent data releases, to align with the updated Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA) and also to reflect the changing economic context post British exit from the European Union. The report considered a number of potential future scenarios in order to help identify requirements for B-class employment space in the District over the seventeen year period 2014 - 2031.

2.13 At the Council Assembly meeting on 8th March 2017 it was resolved to take forward an employment land requirement of approximately 27 hectares up to the year 2031.

2.14 To help inform this decision, the following options were appraised in February 2017:

- Option 1: 13ha (2014 - 2031)
- Option 2: 16ha (2014 - 2031)
- Option 3: 25ha (2014 - 2031)
- Option 4: 27ha (2014 - 2031)

Development site options

2.15 At the Council Assembly meeting on 19th July 2017 it was resolved to publish for consultation the Staffordshire Moorlands Local Plan – Preferred Options Plan (July 2017). In order to meet the housing and employment land requirements agreed in March 2017, the Plan proposed a supply of sites identified as suitable for development.

2.16 To help inform the Council's choice of site allocations, a wide range of sites with development potential for housing, employment and other uses had been identified and consulted on. Some of these sites had been proposed by the Council and others were identified through consultation responses. A detailed appraisal of each of the site options was made against a set of sustainability objectives and this is documented in matrices forming section 15 of this report. Summaries of the findings are provided in Section 6.3.

2.17 In some cases the Initial SA report accompanying the April 2016 Preferred Options Sites and Boundaries document recommended that further information should be sought concerning the sustainability effects of a proposed site allocation. In some cases the additional evidence has contributed to the justification for the selection or rejection of a site as a preferred option. In all cases SA evidence and the rationale for site selection or dismissal as a preferred option is provided in this report.

Alternative development approaches for Cheadle

2.18 Cheadle is the district's smallest town, located 10 miles south east of Leek and 10 miles west of the north Staffordshire conurbation. Cheadle has suffered from under-investment and a poor infrastructure and its town centre has declined in recent years, although a successful Heritage Economic Regeneration Scheme has led to some improvements.

2.19 The strategy for Cheadle set out in the adopted Core Strategy was based on taking a comprehensive view of the expansion of the town and programming ahead for the phased release of land and related infrastructure improvements. The Core Strategy noted that this would take the form of urban extensions involving housing and employment development with related leisure and community facilities as part of an overall regeneration and growth strategy.

2.20 In identifying sites for inclusion in the Local Plan: Preferred Options Sites and Boundaries (April 2016), a number of alternative development approaches were considered for Cheadle, in line with the strategy set out above. In the first instance these were:

- Option 1: Northern Focus
- Option 2: South western focus
- Option 3: Scattered approach

2.21 Following dismissal of these options, further work was undertaken to help inform preparation of the Preferred Options Plan (July 2017). A fourth development approach was then identified and considered, designed to build on the strengths of the three options previously proposed, whilst minimising the cumulative impacts of development identified in each case. The July 2017 preferred option was:

- Option 4: North-South clusters with small sites scattered through the town

Alternative development approaches for the rural areas

2.22 Policy SS3 of the adopted Core Strategy set out the broad spatial distribution of housing and employment development across the District. The approach is one that focuses development on the three market towns of Leek, Cheadle and Biddulph and the larger villages but allows for limited development of other settlements to meet local needs.

2.23 However there are a number of constraints to development in the rural areas. A third of the district lies inside the Peak National Park, where the Peak District National Park Authority represents the special interests of the National Park. Of the remainder of the Moorlands, around 30% is designated as Green Belt. Consequently, and in line with the agreed development approach, the Local Plan Preferred Options Sites and Boundaries (2016) proposed to amend the Green Belt boundary in some locations, including in the rural areas, in order to facilitate development.

2.24 However a Housing White Paper was published in February 2017 and this included a proposed requirement for authorities to examine fully all other reasonable options before amending Green Belt boundaries. The preferred option at April 2016 was re-examined in the light of this and it was considered that options other than Green Belt release may be available to the Council in order to meet housing need.

2.25 In December 2017 alternative development approaches for the rural areas were appraised as follows:

1. Preferred Option 2016: Green Belt release
2. Countryside release
3. Growth redirected to towns
4. Strategic site release

2.26 Following the appraisal, elements of options 3 and 4 were identified as offering sustainable development benefits. However a fifth option - a hybrid of options 3 and 4 was identified as a preferable option. This option 5 - was the option put forward as the preferred option in July 2017:

5. Preferred Option July 2017: Growth redirected to towns accompanied by strategic site release in the rural areas.

Preferred Option Policies

2.27 The Staffordshire Moorlands Core Strategy was adopted in March 2014. The Core Strategy contains a suite of existing policies consistent with the National Planning Policy Framework.

2.28 Existing core strategy policies have been reviewed as part of the Local Plan preparation process and updated where the evidence base or national planning policy context requires it. For this reason, alternative approaches to delivering policy objectives have not been appraised, the Core Strategy policy has been taken as the most appropriate policy option in the first instance. However the policies, updated as required, have been appraised to identify likely significant effects. The appraisal also identified measures for the Local Plan to help address negative effects or to maximise positive ones.

2.4 Changes to the Plan resulting from the SA

2.29 The SA has influenced the preparation of the Local Plan at all stages, providing feedback and detail about the sustainability effects of proposals and alternatives under consideration, helping to identify the most sustainable approach.

2.30 For example following appraisal of preferred option policies in December 2016, a new Policy: Policy NE2 Trees, Woodland and Hedgerows was included in the Preferred Options Plan July 2017.

2.31 Other changes made to Plan policies as a result of the SA include the following:

2.32 The Development Principles Policy (SS1) was amended to support development which secures high quality sustainable environments, efficient and effective use of resources and contributes effectively to tackling climate change and reduced carbon emissions.

2.33 The Area Strategy Policies for Leek, Biddulph and Cheadle as well as for Larger and Smaller Villages (SS5, SS6, SS7, SS8 and SS9) were amended to include a reference to the District's GI Strategy.

2.34 The Design Considerations Policy (DC1) had an additional bullet point (8) added to include a requirement for developments to be well integrated for car, pedestrian and cycle use as well as other sustainable transport links.

2.35 The Landscape and Settlement Setting Policy (DC3) had an additional bullet point (3) added to include support for development which maintains the biodiversity qualities of any natural or man-made features within the landscape, such as trees, woodlands, hedgerows, walls, watercourses or ponds.

2.36 Strategic Development Area Policies for Cheadle North and for Cecilly Brook (DSC1 and DSC2) had an additional bullet point added to each requiring a master plan to consider how to manage the impact of growth on the Cecilly Brook Local Nature Reserve and Green Infrastructure Network to ensure that Local Plan policy requirements can be met for minimising impacts on biodiversity (and providing net gains in biodiversity where possible); and establishing coherent ecological networks that are more resilient to current and future pressures; as well as enabling water quality improvements in line with the Water Framework Directive objectives.

2.5 Conclusions

2.37 The Sustainability Appraisal of the Local Plan has appraised the effects of the housing and employment land requirements, development approaches in Cheadle and the rural areas, individual policies and site allocations, as well as the overall effect of the plan, including cumulative and incremental effects. The SA has found that the Local Plan addresses key sustainability issues and will make a significant positive contribution to sustainability in the District through meeting housing, employment and community needs, enhancing accessibility and encouraging high quality design.

2.38 The key negative effects identified relate to the environmental impact of increased housing, employment and infrastructure development. Throughout the process the SA has sought to make further recommendations to assist the Council in mitigating any negative effects whilst enhancing the positive opportunities that development provides for the District.

2.39 The Appraisal process found that on the whole, the mitigation provided through the Local Plan policies would address identified potential significant effects.

Introduction

3 Introduction

3.1 Staffordshire Moorlands District Council is preparing a Local Plan which, when adopted, will guide future development across the plan area, up to the year 2031.

3.2 This Sustainability Appraisal Report has been published to accompany the Staffordshire Moorlands Local Plan Submission Version February 2018. Sustainability Appraisal (SA) is an ongoing process. This SA Report follows on from the draft SA Report that accompanied the Preferred Options Local Plan consulted on between 31st July and 22nd September 2017; the Initial SA Report that accompanied the Local Plan Preferred Options Sites and Boundaries consulted on between 28th April 2016 and 13th June 2016; and the Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report, consulted on between 13th August 2014 and 26th September 2014.

3.3 National Planning Practice Guidance describes how sustainability appraisal is a systematic process that must be carried out during the preparation of a Local Plan. Its role is to promote sustainable development by assessing the extent to which the emerging plan, when judged against reasonable alternatives, will help to achieve relevant environmental, economic and social objectives.

3.4 This process is an opportunity to consider ways by which the Plan can contribute to improvements in environmental, social and economic conditions, as well as a means of identifying and mitigating any potential adverse effects that the Plan might otherwise have. By doing so, it can help make sure that the proposals in the Plan are the most appropriate given the reasonable alternatives. It can be used to test the evidence underpinning the Plan and help to demonstrate how the tests of soundness have been met. Sustainability appraisal should be applied as an iterative process informing the development of the Local Plan.

3.5 The sustainability appraisal process is governed by European and national legislation, supported by government policy, which includes:

- The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 which requires sustainability appraisal of emerging Development Plan Documents and Supplementary Planning Documents.
- The requirements of European Directive 2001/42/EC (often known as the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Directive) which requires the preparation of an environmental report that considers the significant environmental effects of a plan or programme. This Directive is transposed into UK law by The Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004: Statutory Instrument 2004 No. 1633 (SEA Regulations).
- Planning practice guidance issued by the Department for Communities and Local Government on Strategic environmental assessment and sustainability appraisal; published 9 February 2015[1].

3.6 This sustainability appraisal incorporates the requirements of the SEA Directive, by combining the more environmentally-focused considerations of SEA with wider social and economic effects.

Staffordshire Moorlands Local Plan

3.7 The Staffordshire Moorlands Core Strategy was adopted in March 2014. The plan identified a housing requirement of 300 homes per year and an employment land requirement of at least 24ha over the period 2011 to 2026. The Core Strategy also established the

1 https://www.gov.uk/guidance/strategic-environmental-assessment-and-sustainability-appraisal

appropriate distribution of development across the District with the emphasis being on development in the market towns of Leek, Biddulph and Cheadle with a more modest scale of development in the villages that lie within the Rural Area. However, the Inspector determined that an early and comprehensive review of the Core Strategy for the period 2016 to 2031 would be required to take account of longer term development requirements. The review of the Core Strategy has been rolled forward into a single Local Plan combined with site allocations.

3.8 Local Plans are seen by Government as key to delivering sustainable development. They should, as far as possible, reflect the aspirations of local communities and should strive to contribute towards their wider social, economic and environmental objectives. The Staffordshire Moorlands Local Plan also needs to be consistent with the Government's planning principles and policies as set out in the National Planning Policy Framework[(2)].

3.9 To meet these objectives, the Staffordshire Moorlands Local Plan Submission Version February 2018 comprises:

- A Portrait of Staffordshire Moorlands - a description of the District.
- The Challenges - a summary of the key challenges facing the District.
- The Vision – detailing what the Staffordshire Moorlands will be like in 2031.
- Aims and Objectives – stating what the Local Plan is proposing to achieve.
- A Spatial Strategy and Strategic Policies – setting out the over-arching strategy and policies for the District.
- Development Management Policies – setting out specific measures to manage development.
- Strategic Development Site Policies - specific policy to guide the development of strategic sites.
- Implementation and Monitoring - a framework for how the plan will be implemented and monitored.
- Maps - for Leek, Biddulph, Cheadle and the Rural Areas which identify proposed sites and boundaries.

Habitats Regulations Assessment

3.10 European Directive 92/43/EEC on the Conservation of Natural Habitats and of Wild Fauna and Flora (the Habitats Directive) requires a Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) to be undertaken on the Local Plan. In the UK, the Habitats Directive is implemented through the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 (the “Habitats Regulations”).

3.11 The HRA assesses any impacts of the Local Plan against the conservation objectives of sites of European importance for nature conservation in, and outside the plan area, to ascertain whether it would adversely affect the integrity of any sites concerned. These sites, often just referred to as European sites, include Special Areas of Conservation (SACs) and Special Protection Areas (SPAs).

3.12 Staffordshire Moorlands District Council has appointed consultants Clearlead Consulting Limited to undertake the HRA requirements for the Local Plan. It is important that the sustainability appraisal takes account of HRA findings in order that consideration can be given to mitigating any adverse effects. An HRA Report is available alongside the Local Plan Submission Version February 2018 and this SA Report. The report builds on the

2 www.communities.gov.uk/publications/planningandbuilding/nppf

initial HRA Report (July 2017) made available for consultation alongside the Preferred Options Local Plan. The findings of the HRA Report February 2018 are considered in section 9 of this report.

Equalities Impact Assessment

3.13 In order to comply with the Public Sector Equality Duty (set out in the Equality Act 2010)[3] the Council is carrying out an equalities impact assessment of Staffordshire Moorlands emerging Local Plan. The broad purpose of the Equalities Duty is to integrate consideration of equality and good relations into the day-to-day business of public authorities.

3.14 The Equalities Impact Assessment (EqIA) is considering the impact, or likely impact, of the development strategy, policies and their functions outlined in the Local Plan on different equality groups, including women, people from ethnic minorities and those with disabilities. The findings of the assessment have been summarised to provide an overall assessment of the Staffordshire Moorlands Local Plan Submission Version February 2018; the findings of the Equalities Impact Assessment are considered in section 9 of this report.

3.15 An EqIA is a tool to assist public authorities with assessing the impact, or likely impact, of their policies and functions on people who share a relevant protected characteristic. It assists authorities with identifying adverse outcomes and steps that can be taken to mitigate adverse effects. EqIAs help public authorities meet the requirements of their equality duties and to identify active steps to promote equality.

3.16 One of the 12 core planning principles set out in paragraph 17 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) is that local planning authorities should take account of and support local strategies to improve health, social and cultural wellbeing for all, and deliver sufficient community and cultural facilities to meet local needs. It is considered that the EqIA can help inform this process by understanding the needs of different community groups and how planning policies and decisions can affect them.

Structure of this report

3.17 This February 2018 Sustainability Appraisal Report has been designed to be as succinct as possible to improve accessibility of information and to allow key findings to be presented more concisely. For ease, a review of relevant plans, programmes and policy objectives, along with a summary of baseline data from the SA Scoping Report have been included as sections 23 and 24 of this report. Detailed appraisal work is also presented in separate appendices. Consultation questions are provided in Section 1. A non technical summary of the report is included as Section 2.

3.18 This section has provided an introduction to sustainability appraisal, the Staffordshire Moorlands Local Plan Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) and Equalities Impact Assessment (EqIA). The rest of the report is structured as follows:

- Section 4 – the methodology of how this appraisal was carried out, limitations and definitions of significance.
- Section 5 – an overview of the scoping stage with the sustainability appraisal framework set out.
- Section 6 – a summary of findings with an overview of significant effects.

3 http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2010/15/contents

- Section 7 – a discussion of broad conclusions about the nature of cumulative effects of the plan.
- Section 8 - a summary of the Plan's likely significant effects, including changes made to the emerging Local Plan as a result of the SA.
- Section 9 - discussion of the findings of the Habitats Regulations Assessment and the Equalities Impact Assessment of the Plan and how these findings have been used to help shape the Local Plan policies and proposals.
- Section 10 - recommendations for the approach to monitoring the sustainability effects of implementing the Staffordshire Moorlands Local Plan.
- Section 11 - presents findings from testing Local Plan objectives against the SA Framework.
- Section 12 - The Quality Assurance checklist used to ensure that the requirements of the SEA Directive have been met and fully integrated into the sustainability appraisal process.
- Section 13 - the next steps in the sustainability appraisal process.
- Section 14 - consultation responses received to the draft SA Report July 2017, the Initial SA Report April 2016 and the SA Scoping report August 2014.
- **Appendices** - providing full detail of the assessments undertaken:
- Section 15 - appraisal of site options.
- Section 16 - appraisal of alternative housing requirement options.
- Section 17 - appraisal of alternative alternative employment land requirement options.
- Section 18 - appraisal of alternative development approaches for Cheadle.
- Section 19 - appraisal of alternative development approaches for the rural areas.
- Section 20 - appraisal of preferred option policies.
- Section 21 - results of the screening of changes to preferred option policies proposed for the Submission Version Plan.
- Section 22 - constraints maps for site appraisals.
- Section 23 - review of other relevant plans, programmes and policy objectives identified in the SA Scoping Report and used to help inform the SA Framework.
- Section 24 - Summary of baseline data described in full in the SA Scoping Report and used to help inform the SA Framework.

3.19 This February 2018 Sustainability Appraisal Report includes the required elements of an environmental report as required by the SEA Regulations.

How to respond

3.20 We would like to know your views by **5pm on Wednesday 11th April 2018.**

3.21 If you would like to send us your views on this consultation, you can do so using one of the following methods:

- Online on the Local Plan consultation website:

  www.staffsmoorlands.gov.uk/localplan

- Email to forward.plans@staffsmoorlands.gov.uk.
- Post to the address given below.

3.22 The submission of comments online or by email is considered to be the most efficient means of responding. Use of the consultation website provides several benefits and enables consultees to:

- Read the SA Report, Local Plan and other supporting information online.
- Submit comments online (registration required).
- Read all comments submitted by other consultees.

3.23 Documents can be consulted at Council offices and libraries (or downloaded from the web address above) and comments returned by post to:

- Regeneration, Staffordshire Moorlands District Council, Moorlands House, Stockwell Street, Leek, Staffordshire, ST13 6HQ.

Please note: details of consultees registered on the consultation website and all respondents to the consultation will be added to our Local Plan contact list and will receive notification of future consultations.

All comments and the name of the individual or organisation responsible for them will be made available to view on the public consultation website. All representations may also be viewed at Council offices.

Consultation responses and associated information will be handled in accordance with the Data Protection Act.

Appraisal methodology

4 Appraisal methodology

4.1 The methodology for this appraisal was developed in accordance with the following guidance:

- Sustainability Appraisal of Regional Spatial Strategies and Local Development Documents (ODPM, 2005).
- A Practical Guide to the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Directive (ODPM, 2005).
- Planning Advisory Service (PAS) Sustainability Appraisal guidance contained in the Communities and Local Government (CLG) Plan Making Manual.[4]
- National Planning Practice Guidance[5]

4.2 Staffordshire Moorlands District Council undertakes the sustainability appraisal process principally in-house, with Officers based in the Regeneration Service teams. The work has been supported by site appraisals carried out by consultants Amec Foster Wheeler between October and December 2015.

4.3 The sustainability appraisal is carried out in a series of stages, which include setting the context and objectives for the sustainability appraisal, developing and assessing the effects of alternatives and carrying out consultation on a Sustainability Appraisal Report. The stages of methodology are shown in Table 4.1 below.

Methodology stage	Description
A – Setting the context and objectives for the sustainability appraisal	This stage sets the scope for the ongoing appraisal by establishing an evidence base. A separate Scoping Report has been completed and published for consultation.
B – Developing options and assessing effects	The sustainability appraisal is involved in developing options from the outset. Development and appraisal of options is an iterative process, with effects being predicted and evaluated for their significance. Potential mitigation measures for any predicted significant effects are considered at this stage.
C – Preparing a Sustainability Appraisal Report	This February 2018 report is the third step in this key output of the appraisal process, following publication of the Draft SA report in July 2017 and the Initial SA Report in April 2016, and presenting information on the effects of the plan in a format suitable for public consultation.
D – Consulting on the plan and Sustainability Appraisal Report	The final Sustainability Appraisal Report is published for consultation alongside the plan concerned. Consultation must include the statutory environmental consultation bodies.

4 http://www.pas.gov.uk/pas/core/page.do?pageId=152450
5 http://planningguidance.communities.gov.uk/

Methodology stage	Description
E – Monitoring significant effects	The predicted significant effects are monitored after implementation of the plan to identify any unforeseen effects and undertake appropriate remedial action.

Table 4.1 Stages of sustainability appraisal methodology

4.4 The timetable for the key stages undertaken in the SA of the emerging Staffordshire Moorlands Local Plan are shown in Table 4.2 below.

Stage	Linkages to Plan Preparation	Aim
SA Scoping Report - August 2014	Prepared alongside preparation and review of the evidence base. Published for consultation between 13th August 2014 and 26th September 2014.	Identify relevant plans and programmes. Establish the baseline. Identify sustainability issues. Set the Sustainability Framework: including deciding on the scope of the appraisal, defining objectives and indicators.
Interim Sustainability Appraisal report - April 2016	Prepared alongside the Local Plan: Preferred Options Sites and Boundaries. Published for consultation between 28th April 2016 and 13th June 2016.	Provide background and context for the consultation. Assist selection of preferred options. Recommend how options could be improved, including through mitigation measures.
Draft Sustainability Appraisal report - July 2017	Prepared alongside the Preferred Options Local Plan July 2017. Consultation on both took place at the same time: 24th July 2017 to 15th September 2017.	Appraise the effects (economic, social and environmental) of the alternative development requirements, policies and site allocations - against the Sustainability Framework. Appraise any significant changes to the plan arising out of consultation undertaken at Preferred Options Sites and Boundaries Stage. Recommend how the options could be improved, including through mitigation measures. Develop proposals for monitoring the plan.

Stage	Linkages to Plan Preparation	Aim
Sustainability Appraisal report - February 2018	This document. Prepared alongside the Local Plan Submission Version February 2018. Consultation on both is taking place at the same time: 27th February 2018 to 11th April 2018.	Appraise any significant changes to the plan arising out of latest evidence and consultation undertaken at Preferred Options Stage. Identify changes made to the Plan as a result of the SA. Integrate key elements of the Scoping Report. Prepare a Non Technical Summary.
Final Sustainability Appraisal report - (date to be confirmed)	Submitted alongside Staffordshire Moorlands Local Plan for Examination.	The sustainability appraisal will be used as part of determining the robustness of the plan and whether it should be approved.

Table 4.2 Key Stages in the Sustainability Appraisal

Developing and refining 'reasonable alternatives'

4.5 The SEA Directive requires assessment of the likely significant effects of implementing the plan, and "reasonable alternatives". Developing options and alternatives is an important part of both the plan-making and sustainability appraisal process. For the Local Plan, the reasonable alternatives are the different options put forward during the preparation of the plan.

4.6 This consultation and the sustainability appraisal work documented in appendices to this report have had a significant part to play in identifying and refining options considered to be "reasonable alternatives". The sustainability appraisal has been involved from an early stage in this development of options to help ensure that any adverse effects of proposals were identified as early as possible.

Development Site Options

4.7 The Council maintains a Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) which identifies and assesses the availability, suitability and deliverability of land as a potential housing site to meet the identified need for housing over the plan period. This evidence helps the Council understand what sites are theoretically available for housing development and was the basis for identifying a wide range of alternative site options consulted on between July and September 2015. A detailed appraisal of around 300 alternative housing site options, alongside options for employment sites and gypsy and traveller sites, is documented in section 15 of this report, with findings summarised in section 6.

4.8 Over 5,500 consultation responses were received to the 2015 consultation and the representations made, along with the findings of the SA, were used with other evidence to help determine preferred sites to be taken forward into the Local Plan preferred option sites and boundaries consultation held in April 2016.

4.9 Over 8,600 responses were received to the 2016 consultation. Analysis of these consultation responses along with updates to the evidence base, including the developing SA evidence, helped to refine the preferred options and inform the selection of sites proposed in the Local Plan preferred options July 2017.

Housing requirement options

4.10 An update to the SHMA[6] was published in February 2017 when a number of scenarios were modelled to take account of the latest evidence, including the 2014-based SNPP published in May 2016. The scenarios demonstrated the extent to which the population of the District is likely to change over the plan period, and how this growth would be translated into households, dwellings, numbers of economically active residents and the number of jobs that might be supported. Reasonable alternatives for a housing requirement, derived from the February 2017 report, were appraised in February 2017. These were:

- Option 1: 235 new homes each year (2014 - 2031)
- Option 2: 260 new homes each year (2014 - 2031)
- Option 3: 330 new homes each year (2014 - 2031)
- Option 4: 450 new homes each year (2014 - 2031)

4.11 Previously, the Staffordshire Moorlands Strategic Housing Market Assessment[7] January 2016 revision had identified a number of scenarios to reflect the alternatives for future growth within the District based on the evidence available at that time. Consideration of these scenarios led to the Council considering four potential housing requirement options in January 2016:

- Option 1: 250 new homes each year (2016 - 2031)
- Option 2: 320 new homes each year (2016 - 2031)
- Option 3: 440 new homes each year (2016 - 2031)
- Option 4: 520 new homes each year (2016 - 2031)

Employment requirement options

4.12 Nathaniel Lichfield & Partners (NLP) prepared an Employment Land Review for the district in July 2014. This study was updated in February 2017 to incorporate more recent data releases, to align with the updated Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA) and also to reflect the changing economic context post British exit from the European Union. The report[8] considered a number of potential future scenarios in order to help identify requirements for B-class employment space in the district over the seventeen year period 2014-2031. From these scenarios, four reasonable alternative employment land requirements were selected for appraisal in February 2017:

- Option 1: 13ha (2014 - 2031)
- Option 2: 16ha (2014 - 2031)

6 Staffordshire Moorlands SHMA Update; Nathaniel Lichfield & Partners; 2017
7 Staffordshire Moorlands 2012-based SNHP Update - Implications of the 2012-based SNHP - January 2016 Revision; January 2016; Nathaniel Lichfield & Partners
8 Staffordshire Moorlands ELR Update; February 2017; Nathaniel Lichfield & Partners

- Option 3: 25ha (2014 - 2031)
- Option 4: 27ha (2014 - 2031)

Alternative Development Approaches for Cheadle

4.13 The strategy for Cheadle set out in the adopted Core Strategy is based on taking a comprehensive view of the expansion of the town and programming ahead for the phased release of land and related infrastructure improvements. The Core Strategy notes that this will take the form of urban extensions involving housing and employment development with related leisure and community facilities as part of an overall regeneration and growth strategy.

4.14 In identifying sites for inclusion in the Local Plan preferred option sites and boundaries April 2016, a number of reasonable alternative development approaches were considered for Cheadle, in line with the strategy set out above. These were:

- Option 1: Northern Focus
- Option 2: South western focus
- Option 3: Scattered approach

4.15 Following the appraisal, all three options were dismissed and a fourth option was appraised for the Local Plan preferred options July 2017:

- Option 4: North-South clusters with small sites scattered through the town

Alternative development approaches for the rural areas

4.16 In order to meet the development requirement for the rural areas, the Preferred Options Sites and Boundaries Plan proposed Green Belt release where evidence suggested that this could be done whilst retaining Green Belt purposes and where exceptional circumstances could be justified. However this preferred option (April 2016) approach was re-examined in the light of the requirement proposed in the subsequent Housing White Paper for authorities to examine fully all other reasonable options before amending Green Belt boundaries. It was considered that options other than Green Belt release were available to the Council in order to meet housing need.

4.17 An alternative approach to meeting housing need was set out in the emerging Local Plan in July 2017. This alternative approach relied on redirecting a small percentage of growth to the towns accompanied by a strategic site release in the rural areas. In order to test this approach against reasonable alternatives, in December 2017 four alternative development approaches for the rural areas were considered. These were:

1. Preferred Option 2016: Green Belt release.
2. Countryside release.
3. Growth redirected to towns
4. Strategic site release

4.18 Following the appraisal, all four options were dismissed and a fifth option was appraised - the Local Plan preferred options July 2017:

- Option 5: Growth redirected to towns accompanied by strategic site release.

Local Plan policy options

4.19 The Staffordshire Moorlands Core Strategy was adopted in March 2014. The Core Strategy contains a suite of existing policies consistent with the NPPF. However since adoption a number of new or emerging planning policies and regulations of relevance have been introduced. These include:

- The Housing and Planning Act 2016
- Self-Build and Custom House Building Act 2015 and associated Regulations (2016)
- The Town and Country Planning (Brownfield Land Register) Regulations 2017
- Town and Country Planning (Permission in Principle) Order 2017
- Neighbourhood Planning Act 2017
- Housing White paper published February 2017

4.20 Existing core strategy policies have thus been reviewed as part of the Local Plan preparation process and updated where the evidence base or national planning policy context requires it. For this reason, alternative approaches to delivering policy objectives have not been appraised, the Core Strategy policy has been taken as the most appropriate policy option in the first instance. However the policies, updated as required, have been considered the preferred approach and appraised to identify likely significant effects.

4.21 In January 2018 proposed changes to the preferred options policies were screened for likely significant effects as part of the preparation of the Submission Version Local Plan February 2018.

Assessing the significance of effects

The SEA Directive requires

... "an assessment of likely significant effects … taking into account the objectives and geographical scope of the plan or programme".

4.22 It is only necessary to assess those effects that are likely to be significant, not all possible effects. In this report, the social, environmental and economic effects of all Local Plan options have been predicted and evaluated for their significance. The sustainability appraisal framework, presented in Section 5, forms the basis for the assessment throughout the report.

4.23 Prediction of effects involves identifying what changes might occur to the sustainability baseline over time – these changes are then evaluated for their likely significance, in terms of their probability, duration, frequency, and the geographical area likely to be affected.

4.24 Assessment matrices (contained in Sections 15 - 20) present the detailed findings. Each matrix is relatively simple and allows for a discussion of potential effects, evidence and possible mitigation measures. The simplicity of the matrix is designed to reflect the fact that strategic options should (and in many cases can only be) assessed in broad terms where there is a lack of spatial expression. A combination of expert judgement and analysis of baseline data has been used to judge the effects.

4.25 Within each matrix, a significance "score", ranging from: ++ (very positive impact) to: -- (very negative impact) is given against each objective. Ultimately, the significance of an effect is a matter of judgement, making best use of available evidence, and requires no more than a clear and reasonable justification. Definition of significance is considered later in this section. Where uncertainties exist or where it is considered that insufficient information exists to enable an accurate assessment to be made, this has been noted.

Assessing cumulative effects

4.26 The assessment of effects of Local Plan policies and proposals includes potential secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects, as required by the SEA Directive. Many sustainability problems result from the accumulation of multiple, small and often indirect effects, rather than a few large obvious ones, and consideration of such cumulative effects is set out in section 7 of this report.

Consideration of potential mitigation measures

The SEA Directive requires

... consideration of “measures envisaged to prevent, reduce and as fully as possible offset any significant adverse effects on the environment of implementing the plan or programme”.

4.27 These measures are referred to as mitigation measures, and can include recommendations for improving beneficial effects.

4.28 In the assessment matrices, potential mitigation measures are considered for likely adverse and positive effects. For any effects judged likely to be significant, these are discussed further in this report.

Appraisal limitations, difficulties encountered and assumptions made

4.29 A key issue in undertaking the appraisal of the emerging Local Plan is the partly strategic nature of the document, the uncertainty surrounding precisely how its ambitions will be implemented on the ground and the degree to which they will be achieved in practice (particularly since many different partners are involved in its delivery).

4.30 Inevitably, a high degree of judgement has been required in undertaking the appraisals to determine the "significance" of effects. Sustainability appraisal relies on expert judgement, which is guided by knowledge of the likely impacts of the plan, the baseline data available and responses and information provided by consultees and other stakeholders. The assessment has been carried out and reported using an expert, judgement-led, qualitative assessment.

4.31 Definitions of significance have been identified and used in the appraisals in order to address the qualitative nature of the work, and to help ensure consistency and transparency. This is discussed further below.

4.32 Some gaps in the baseline data regarding detailed trends across the plan area have been identified. Although every effort has been made to present an accurate baseline situation in the scoping report, there have been inevitable data constraints and the scoping

report is subject to regular review. Information contained within the scoping report is always likely to become outdated quickly and there are time and resource issues regarding how often this data can be updated.

Definitions of significance

4.33 In order to support the appraisals, definitions of significance were used to ensure assessments were consistent and transparent. These definitions are set out in table 4.5 below, and show the rationale under-pinning judgements made on significance of identified effects. The key to the symbols depicting the description of significance used in the following table is given in the table below.

4.34 In considering definitions of significance, suggested acceptable walking distances have been taken from Building for Life 12 as set out in table 4.3 below.

(1)	Town centres (m)	Commuting / School / Sight-seeing m)	Elsewhere (m)
Desirable	200	500	400
Acceptable	400	1000	800
Preferred maximum	800	2000	1200

Table 4.3 Suggested acceptable walking distances

1. Source: The Institution of Highways and Transportation (2000) Guidelines for Providing for Journeys on Foot, London

Key to description of the nature of effects

Effect	
++	The policy / proposal will have a very positive impact on the sustainability objective. See definition of significance in Table 4.5.
+	The policy / proposal will have a slightly positive impact on the sustainability objective. See definition of significance in Table 4.5.
0	The policy / proposal will have a negligible or neutral impact on the sustainabiity objective. A recorded neutral effect does not necessarily mean that there will be no effect at the project level, but shows that at this strategic level there are no identifiable effects.
-	The policy / proposal will have a slightly negative impact on the sustainability objective. See definition of significance in Table 4.5.
--	The policy / proposal will have a very negative impact on the sustainability objective. See definition of significance in Table 4.5.
i	The outcome could be dependent on implementation, or more detail is required to make an assessment.

Effect	
?	The impact of an issue cannot be predicted at this stage.

Table 4.4 Description of the nature of effects

4.35 Definitions of significance are provided in the table that follows.

Objective	Decision making criteria	Effect	Illustrative Guidance for determining significance
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Will it make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Will it improve neighbourhood quality? • Will it ensure that there is adequate open space and support Green Infrastructure (GI)? • Will it minimise light and noise pollution? • Will it ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	++	The proposal could enable the delivery of new, or the significant enhancement of existing, community facilities and services. The proposal could enable significant improvements to the social and environmental quality of the neighbourhood. The proposal could enable significant enhancement of the District's GI network. The proposal is within the existing settlement boundary.
		+	The proposal could enable the enhancement of existing, community facilities and services. The proposal could enable improvement of the social and environmental quality of the neighbourhood. The proposal could enable enhancement of the District's GI network. The proposal is within or adjoins the existing settlement boundary.
		-	The proposal could reduce the availability and quality of existing community facilities and services. The proposal could have an adverse effect on the social and environmental quality of the neighbourhood. The proposal could have an adverse effect on the District's GI network. The proposal is separate from an existing settlement.
		--	The proposal could result in the loss of existing community facilities and services without suitable replacement The proposal could have a significantly adverse effect on the social and environmental quality of the neighbourhood. The proposal could have a significantly adverse effect on the District's GI network. The proposal is remote from an existing settlement.
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Will it remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Will it help to minimise the distance people need to travel (including travel by public transport) to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	++	The proposal could ensure that new development is located in close proximity to a wide range of services and facilities (e.g. within 800m of a wide range of services and/or 400m of a settlement centre.) The needs of all members of the community can be addressed.
		+	The proposal could ensure that new development is located in proximity to some services and facilities (e.g. within 400-800m of a key service.)
		-	The proposal could result in new development being located away from existing services and facilities (e.g. in excess of 2,000m from a wide range of services.)
		--	The proposal could result in new development being inaccessible to existing services and facilities (it is over 2,000m from existing services & facilities and has poor public transport links). The needs of some members of the community could not be addressed.

Objective	Decision making criteria	Effect	Illustrative Guidance for determining significance
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Will it improve health or access to health facilities? • Will it promote healthy lifestyles? • Will it reduce health inequalities? • Will it provide opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	++	The proposal could ensure that new development is located in close proximity to a range of healthcare facilities (e.g. within 800m of a GP surgery and open space). The proposal could have strong and sustained impacts on healthy lifestyles and improve well-being through physical or recreational activity. The proposal could deliver new healthcare or physical recreation facilities; open space or enable improved recreational access to the countryside and address the needs of those areas which experience economic and/or social deprivation.
		+	The proposal could ensure that new development is located in proximity to a healthcare facility (e.g. Within 800m - 1,200m of a GP surgery and open space). The proposal could support healthy lifestyles and well-being through physical or recreational activity and enable improved recreational access to the countryside.
		-	The proposal could deliver development in excess of 1,200m from a GP surgery or open space or has a limited or infrequent public transport. The proposal could reduce access to healthcare facilities and open space. The proposal could have effects which could result in a deterioration of health e.g. through reducing opportunity for physical or recreational activity, including reducing opportunities for supporting recreational access to the countryside.
		--	The proposal could result in loss of healthcare facilities and open space without suitable replacement. The proposal could have significant effects which could result in a deterioration of health within the community e.g. through loss of leisure and physical recreational facilities.
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Will it reduce actual levels of crime? • Will it reduce fear of crime?	++	The proposal could significantly reduce the level of crime and fear of crime through design and/or other safety measures.
		+	The proposal could reduce the level of crime and fear of crime through design and/or other safety measures.
		-	The proposal risks leading to an increase in reported crime and the fear of crime in the District.
		--	The proposal risks leading to a significant increase in reported crime and the fear of crime in the District.
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house	• Will it provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Will it enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Will it ensure that people can afford their housing?	++	The proposal could provide a significant contribution to help boost the supply of housing in the District (for sites: over 20 dwellings in towns and over 10 dwellings elsewhere). The proposal could enable the delivery of a range of types and tenures making a significant contribution to meeting the needs of the whole community. The proposal could make a significant contribution to the delivery of affordable homes.

Objective	Decision making criteria	Effect	Illustrative Guidance for determining significance
types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.		+	The proposal could provide a contribution to help boost the supply of housing in the District (for sites: between 15 - 19 dwellings in towns and between 5 - 9 elsewhere). The proposal could enable the delivery of a range of types and tenures making a contribution to meeting community needs The proposal could make a contribution to the delivery of affordable homes.
		-	The proposal could fail to provide a contribution to help boost significantly the supply of housing in the District (for sites: between 1 - 14 dwellings in towns and 1 - 4 dwellings elsewhere). The proposal could not enable the delivery of a range of types and tenures and could fail to make a contribution to meeting community needs. The proposal could not make a contribution to the delivery of affordable homes.
		--	The proposal could fail to provide a contribution to help boost the supply of housing in the District (for sites: 0 dwellings). The proposal could fail to provide an appropriate mix of housing and significant need of some parts of the community could be unmet. The proposal could not make a contribution to the delivery of affordable homes and significant affordable housing need could be unmet.
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Will it minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Will it support the use of public transport? • Will it support safe walking and cycling? • Will it protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	++	The proposal could have a significantly positive effect on minimising the impact of new development on existing traffic congestion e.g. a site in an area without existing traffic congestion. The proposal could offer significant support for the use of public transport e.g. a site that could deliver development within 500m of a bus stop or 1,000m of a train station. The proposal could provide significant support for safe walking and cycling e.g. development that could deliver a new, or improvement to an existing, greenway and /or deliver development within 400m of a settlement centre or 800m of a range of services and facilities.
		+	The proposal could have a positive effect on minimising the impact of new development on existing traffic congestion e.g. a site in an area without high levels of existing traffic congestion. The proposal could offer support for the use of public transport e.g. a site that could deliver development within 1,000m of a bus stop or 2,000m of a train station. The proposal could provide support for safe walking and cycling e.g. development that could deliver a new, or improvement to an existing, greenway and /or deliver development within 800m of a settlement centre or 1,200m of a range of services and facilities.
		-	The proposal could increase the need to travel by less sustainable forms of transport, increasing road traffic and congestion eg a site remote from a settlement centre (eg in excess of 2,000m from a wide range of services) and/or in an area of existing traffic congestion. The proposal could not offer support for the use of public transport eg a site that could deliver development in excess of 2,000m from public transport services.

Objective	Decision making criteria	Effect	Illustrative Guidance for determining significance
		--	The proposal could significantly increase the need to travel by less sustainable forms of transport, increasing road traffic and congestion.
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Will it reduce emissions of greenhouse gases particularly CO_2? • Will it increase energy efficiency? • Will it increase the use of renewable energy? • Will it ensure new development is in accessible locations in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	++	The proposal could significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the District. The proposal could significantly reduce energy consumption or increase the amount of renewable energy used / generated. The proposal could deliver development within 400m of a settlement centre or 800m of a range of services and facilities.
		+	The proposal could reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the District. The proposal could reduce energy consumption or increase the amount of renewable energy used / generated. The proposal could deliver development within 800m of a settlement centre or 1,200m of a range of services and facilities.
		-	The proposal could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions from the District The proposal could lead to an increase in energy consumption. The proposal could fail to support increase in the use of renewable energy. The proposal could deliver development in excess of 1,200m from a wide range of services and facilities.
		--	The proposal could lead to a significant increase in greenhouse gas emissions from the District. The proposal could lead to a significant increase in energy consumption. The proposal could lead to a decline in the contribution made by renewable forms of energy. The proposal could deliver development in excess of 2,000m from public transport and other services and facilities.
8. To improve air quality.	• Will it minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Will it maximise the removal of air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	++	The proposal could significantly improve air quality; result in air quality targets being met and/or the number of identified areas of poor air quality being reduced.
		+	The proposal could improve air quality. The proposal could contribute to improvements in air quality e.g. through delivery of significant soft landscape features.
		-	The proposal could lead to a decease in air quality. The proposal could result in new development being located within 500m of an identified area of poor air quality.

Objective	Decision making criteria	Effect	Illustrative Guidance for determining significance
		--	The proposal could lead to a decease in air quality and could result in the extension to an identified area of poor air quality. The proposal could result in new development being located within an identified area of poor air quality.
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Is new development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Will it reduce risk of flooding eg by encouraging the integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs into new development? • Will it protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Will it encourage water efficiency and demand management?	++	The proposal could significantly reduce flood risk to new or existing infrastructure or communities currently located in the 1 in 100 year floodplain (flood zone 3). The proposal could lead to a significant reduction of wastewater, surface water runoff and/or pollutant discharge so that the quality of groundwater and/or surface water could be significantly improved and all water targets could be met. The proposal could lead to a significant reduction in the demand for water from the District.
		+	The proposal could reduce flood risk to new or existing infrastructure or communities currently located in the 1 in 1,000 year floodplain (flood zone 2). The proposal could lead to a reduction of wastewater, surface water runoff and/or pollutant discharge so that the quality of groundwater and/or surface water could be improved so that some water targets could be met. The proposal could lead to a reduction in the demand for water from the District.
		-	The proposal could result in an increased flood risk within the 1 in 1,000 year floodplain (flood zone 2). The proposal could result in development being located in flood zone 2. The proposal could reduce flood risk to new or existing infrastructure or communities currently located in the 1 in 1,000 year floodplain (flood zone 2). The proposal could lead to an increase in the amount of wastewater, surface water runoff and/or pollutant discharge so that the quality of groundwater and/or surface water could be reduced. (This will apply in most cases if the site is greenfield). The proposal could lead to an increase in the demand for water from the District.
		--	The proposal could result in an increased flood risk within the 1 in 100 year floodplain (flood zone 3). The proposal could result in development being located in flood zone 3. The proposal could lead to a significant increase in the amount of wastewater, surface water runoff and/or pollutant discharge so that the quality of groundwater and/or surface water could be decreased and water targets could not be met. The proposal could lead to a significant increase in the demand for water from the District.

Objective	Decision making criteria	Effect	Illustrative Guidance for determining significance
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Will it protect and promote effective management of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance? • Will it help contribute to Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Will it help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	++	The proposal could have a positive effect on European or national designated sites, habitats or species e.g. enhancing habitats, creating additional habitat or increasing protected species population. The proposal could create new habitat and link it with existing habitats or significantly improve existing habitats to support local biodiversity.
		+	The proposal could have a positive effect on regional or locally designated sites, habitats or species. The proposal could improve existing habitats to support local biodiversity. The policy could enhance the District's ecological and GI networks.
		-	The proposal could have negative effects on regional or locally designated sites, habitats or species e.g. short term loss of habitats, temporary loss of species, proposal within 100m of a designated site. The proposal could lead to short-term disturbance of existing habitat (including woodland) but could not have long-term effects on local biodiversity. The proposal could adversely affect the District's ecological and GI networks.
		--	The proposal could have a negative effect on European or national designated sites, habitats and/or protected species and these effects could not be reasonably mitigated. The proposal could have a significantly adverse effect on the District's ecological and GI networks.
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Will it safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Will it minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Will it reduce land contamination / instability? • Will it reduce the amount of derelict land? • Will it protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	++	The proposal could avoid the loss of agricultural land including the best and most versatile land. The proposal could result in significant development on brownfield land. The proposal could result in soil contamination being removed. The proposal could have major positive effects on protected geologically important sites.
		+	The proposal could result in development on brownfield or non agricultural land. The proposal could have positive effects on protected geologically important sites.
		-	The proposal could result in development on agricultural land in the countryside or ALC 4 or 5. The proposal could have minor negative effects on protected geologically important sites.
		--	The proposal could result in the loss of the best and most versatile agricultural land. ALC 1-3. The proposal could result in land contamination. The proposal could have major negative effects on protected geologically important sites.
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Will it reduce waste generation? • Will it maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Will it increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	++	The proposal could reduce the amount of waste generated through prevention, minimisation and re-use. The proposal could enable the significant re-use of existing buildings. The proposal could enable the significant use of sustainable materials.

Objective	Decision making criteria	Effect	Illustrative Guidance for determining significance
		+	The proposal could enable some re-use of existing buildings. The proposal could enable some use of sustainable materials.
		-	The proposal could involve the loss of existing buildings. The proposal could increase the demand for local resources.
		--	The proposal could result in a significantly increased amount of waste going to landfill. The proposal could involve the significant loss of existing buildings. The proposal could significantly increase the demand for local resources. The proposal could result in inappropriate development within a Minerals Safeguarding Area.
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Will it ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Will it protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	++	The proposal could provide opportunities to enhance cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings. The proposal could offer potential to significantly enhance townscape character.
		+	The proposal could protect cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings. The proposal could offer potential to enhance townscape character.
		-	The proposal could lead to deterioration of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) or their settings. Proposal will effect designated heritage asset or it's setting (is within 100m) although it's effect maybe uncertain.
		--	The proposal could lead to a loss or significant deterioration of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) or their settings that could not be reasonably mitigated. The proposal could lead to new development that risked making a negative contribution to local character and distinctiveness.
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and	• Will it protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Will it promote development on brownfield land? • Will it safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	++	The proposal could offer potential to significantly protect and enhance landscape character in accordance with NCA profiles The proposal could avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites (e.g. Natura sites and SSSIs) and thus recreational and urbanisation pressures on such sites.
		+	The proposal could offer potential to protect and enhance landscape character in accordance with NCA profiles. The proposal could avoid development within 400m of protected sites (e.g. Natura sites and SSSIs).

Objective	Decision making criteria	Effect	Illustrative Guidance for determining significance
other natural assets and resources.		-	The proposal could have an adverse effect on landscape character or an area of historic landscape value that could not be reasonably mitigated. The proposal has potential for an adverse effect on a site of local importance such as ancient woodland that could not be reasonably mitigated. The proposal is on a greenfield site in the countryside.
		--	The proposal could have a significant adverse effect on landscape character or area of historic landscape value that could not be reasonably mitigated. The proposal could result in development within proximity of protected sites (e.g. Natura sites and SSSIs) and could result in recreational and urbanisation pressures on such sites that could not be reasonably mitigated.
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Will it support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Does it help support tourism and the visitor economy?	++	The proposal could support opportunities for investment in culture and tourism that could result in significant positive effects on the local economy.
		+	The proposal could support opportunities for investment in culture and tourism that could result in positive effects on the local economy.
		-	The proposal could have negative effects on potential investment in culture and tourism that could result in negative impacts on the local economy.
		--	The proposal could have significantly negative effects on investment in culture and tourism that could result in significant negative impacts on the local economy.
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Will it safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Will it safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	++	The proposal could significantly enhance the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, contributing to the safeguarding and improvement of shops and services.
		+	The proposal could enhance the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages contributing to the safeguarding and improvement of shops and services.
		-	The proposal could have an adverse effect on the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, leading to the decline of shops and services.
		--	The proposal could have a significantly adverse effect on the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, leading to significant decline in shops and services.

Objective	Decision making criteria	Effect	Illustrative Guidance for determining significance
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Will it provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Will it provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	++	The proposal could significantly encourage investment in businesses, people and infrastructure which could lead to a strengthened and more diversified economy, e.g. it could deliver over 1ha of employment land within 20 minutes travel time of a main population centre.
		+	The proposal could encourage investment in businesses, people and infrastructure which could lead to a strengthened and more diversified economy. The proposal could provide accessible employment opportunities.
		-	The proposal could have a negative effect on business, the local economy and local employment, e.g. it could lead to the closure or relocation of existing business, or the loss of employment land.
		--	The proposal could have a significant negative effect on business, the local economy and local employment, e.g. it could lead to the closure or relocation of significant businesses, the loss of over 1ha of employment land or negative impact on key sectors of the economy (e.g. knowledge-based; advanced manufacturing).
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Will it meet the employment needs of local people? • Will it increase economic activity levels? • Will it improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Will it support higher income levels for local residents?	++	The proposal could facilitate the delivery of new employment opportunities, or residential development in close proximity to existing local employment provision e.g. within 500m or 10 minutes travel time by walk/cycle/bus/rail.
		+	The proposal could facilitate the delivery of new employment opportunities, or residential development e.g within 1,000m or 30 minutes travel time of existing local employment provision by walk/cycle/bus/rail.
		-	The proposal is unlikely to contribute to the employment needs of local people e.g. by delivering development beyond 1,000m and 30 minutes travel time by walk/cycle/bus/rail.
		--	The proposal could fail to meet the employment needs of local people e.g. by delivering development beyond 1,500m and 30 minutes travel time by walk/cycle/bus/rail.

Table 4.5 Definitions of significance

Consultation requirements for the sustainability appraisal

The SEA Directive requires that

… " authorities with relevant environmental responsibilities and the public … shall be given an early and effective opportunity within appropriate time frames to express their opinion on the draft plan … and accompanying environmental report…"

4.36 This SA report is being consulted on alongside the Staffordshire Moorlands Local Plan - Submission Version February 2018. The consultation includes the statutory environmental organisations Natural England, Historic England and the Environment Agency, as required by the SEA Directive, alongside a wide range of other stakeholders and community organisations.

4.37 A Draft SA Report was published for formal public consultation alongside the Staffordshire Moorlands Local Plan Preferred Options between 31st July and 22nd September 2017. In addition, an Initial Sustainability Appraisal Report was subject to consultation alongside the Staffordshire Moorlands Preferred Option Sites and Boundaries document between 28th April and 13th June 2016. Comments received during these consultations, and the Council's response, are set out in section 14 of this report.

4.38 Consultation has also previously been undertaken on the scope and level of detail of the sustainability appraisal through consultation on the SA Scoping Report held between 13th August 2014 and 26th September 2014. Seeking the views of the statutory environmental organisations on the scope and level of detail to be included in the Environmental Report is also a requirement of the SEA Directive.

SA Scoping stage

5 SA Scoping stage

The SEA Directive requires

an environmental report to include … "An outline of the plan's relationship with other relevant plans and programmes".

"The relevant aspects of the current state of the environment and the likely evolution thereof without implementation of the plan or programme".

"The environmental characteristics of those areas likely to be significantly affected".

"Any existing problems which are relevant to the plan or programme including, in particular, those relating to any areas of a particular environmental importance such as areas designated pursuant to Council Directive 79/409/EEC on the conservation of wild birds and Habitats Directive".

"The environmental protection objectives, established at international, Community or Member State level, which are relevant to the plan or programme and the way those objectives and any environmental considerations have been taken into account during its preparation".

5.1 This stage of the sustainability appraisal (shown as stage A in Table 4.1) involves compiling background information needed before a sustainability appraisal can be undertaken. It established an evidence base for ongoing appraisal work and culminated in a framework of sustainability objectives.

5.2 Key tasks in this evidence compilation included:

- identifying relevant policies, plans and programmes;
- collecting baseline information;
- identifying key sustainability issues in the plan area;
- establishing sustainability objectives.

5.3 This evidence base work was subject to a period of public consultation held on the SA Scoping Report between 13th August 2014 and 26th September 2014 as part of a continuing baseline review taking place alongside preparation of the emerging Staffordshire Moorlands Local Plan. An SA Scoping Report was originally produced in 2006 and updated in 2007 to form the basis for assessing the Council's Local Development Framework.

5.4 The SA Scoping Report forms part of the environmental report required by the SEA Directive. The scoping work is subject to continual review as evidence becomes outdated and new information made available. This helps to ensure that effects prediction and evaluation remains accurate and consistent.

5.5 The key elements of the Scoping Report are described below, and the full version can be viewed online at:

https://www.staffsmoorlands.gov.uk/article/2861/Sustainability-Appraisal

Relationship with other plans and programmes (policy context) and baseline evidence

5.6 A thorough review was undertaken of other relevant plans, policies and programmes and this was presented in the Scoping Report. The purpose of this was to meet the requirement of the SEA Directive to take account of environmental protection objectives and to gather other information that would influence options to be considered in plan preparation.

5.7 This review studied a range of international, national, regional and local documents that should be taken into account during the preparation of the Local Plan. Details are provided in Section 23.

5.8 This was followed by a thorough review of the sustainability "baseline" in the Staffordshire Moorlands plan area. The baseline identifies what is currently happening in Staffordshire Moorlands and the likely future state of the area if current trends were to continue. It provides the basis for predicting and monitoring effects and helps to identify sustainability problems and alternative ways of dealing with them. Further detail is provided in Section 24.

Key sustainability issues

5.9 The review of plans, policies and programmes, and baseline research as described above, has enabled the identification of key sustainability issues in Staffordshire Moorlands (including environmental problems as required by the SEA Directive).

5.10 Sustainability issues can be any problems or uncertainties which need to be understood and addressed before the Local Plan can be considered sustainable. On the basis of the issues identified, sustainability appraisal objectives have been defined which are used to test how likely the proposals in the Local Plan and alternative options are to lead to sustainable outcomes.

Sustainability appraisal framework

5.11 The Sustainability Appraisal Framework consists of sustainability objectives which provide a way in which the effects of the Local Plan can be described, analysed and compared. These objectives were developed as a result of the review of other plans and programmes and baseline, consultation responses and from the identified sustainability issues, in particular.

5.12 Sustainability appraisal objectives are different in concept and purpose from the objectives of the Local Plan, though there is a degree of overlap. The objectives are listed in table 5.1 and form the basis of the appraisal. The full framework includes detailed '"decision aiding criteria"; these criteria help to ensure that all the key issues are included in the framework.

5.1 Sustainability Appraisal Framework

5.13 The Table below sets out the SA Framework used in the appraisals. The objectives and indicators have been revised in the light of consultation responses received during the period of public consultation held on the SA Scoping Report between 13th August 2014 and 26th September 2014.

Objective	SEA Topic	Decision making criteria	Indicator
SOCIAL			
Population, Human Health and Social Inclusiveness			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	Population and Human Health	• Will it make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Will it improve neighbourhood quality? • Will it ensure that there is adequate open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Will it minimise light and noise pollution? • Will it ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	• Area of open space. (SMDC, Annual Monitoring Report)
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	Population and Human Health	• Will it remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Will it help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	• Job Seekers Allowance Claimant Count Aged 18 – 24 (nomisweb) • Incidents of crime per 1,000 Population • Fear of Crime (Office for National Statistics) • Number of affordable houses competed • % of new residential development completed within Towns / Large Villages/ Small Villages/ Other Rural Areas (SMDC) • Number of school places created (School Organisation Team, SCC)
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	Population and Human Health	• Will it improve health or access to health facilities? • Will it promote healthy lifestyles? • Will it reduce health inequalities? • Will it provide opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	• Life expectancy (Public Health England) • Adult Obesity (Public Health England) • Adult participation in sport (Sport England Active People Data)
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	Population and Human Health	• Will it reduce actual levels of crime? • Will it reduce fear of crime?	• Incidents of crime per 1,000 Population • Fear of Crime (Office for National Statistics)
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet	Population and Human Health	• Will it provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met?	• Number of affordable houses competed

Objective	SEA Topic	Decision making criteria	Indicator
local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.		• Will it enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Will it ensure that people can afford their housing?	• No of years supply of deliverable housing sites (SMDC, Annual Monitoring Report) • No of extra care units delivered (SCC)
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	Population and Human Health	• Will it minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Will it support the use of public transport? • Will it support safe walking and cycling? • Will it protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	• Frequency of bus service (by settlement) (Staffordshire County Council) • % of new residential development completed within Towns / Large Villages/ Small Villages/ Other Rural Areas (SMDC)
ENVIRONMENTAL			
Climate Change, Air and Water			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	Air and Climatic Factors	• Will it reduce emissions of greenhouse gases particularly CO_2? • Will it increase energy efficiency? • Will it increase the use of renewable energy? • Will it ensure new development is in accessible locations in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	• % of new residential development completed within Towns / Large Villages/ Small Villages/ Other Rural Areas (SMDC) • CO_2 total emissions (National Atmospheric Emissions Inventory) • Amount of renewable energy generation by installed capacity and type (SMDC, Annual Monitoring Report)
8. To improve air quality.	Air	• Will it minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Will it maximise the removal of air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	• CO_2 total emissions (National Atmospheric Emissions Inventory)
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	Water	• Is new development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Will it reduce risk of flooding eg by encouraging the integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs into new development? • Will it protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Will it encourage water efficiency and demand management?	• Number of planning applications granted contrary to the advice of the EA in respect of flood risk. • Number of planning applications granted contrary to the advice of the EA in respect of water quality. (Environment Agency)
Biodiversity, Flora and Fauna			

Objective	SEA Topic	Decision making criteria	Indicator
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	Biodiversity, Flora and Fauna	• Will it protect and promote effective management of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance? • Will it help contribute to Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Will it help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	• Area (ha) of UK priority habitats by type. (Staffordshire Ecological Record) • % of designated sites brought into favourable condition (DEFRA) • % of new developments incorporating ecological enhancement measures per year
Soil and Material Assets			
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	Soil	• Will it safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Will it minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Will it reduce land contamination / instability? • Will it reduce the amount of derelict land? • Will it protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	• % of development built on brownfield sites (SMDC, Annual Monitoring Report) • Area of Regionally Important Geological Sites (RIGS) (Staffordshire Ecological Record)
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	Material Assets	• Will it reduce waste generation? • Will it maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Will it increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	• Residual household Waste (kg/hh) • % of household waste reused, recycled or composted (recycle for Staffordshire.org)
Built and Cultural Heritage, Landscape and Local Distinctiveness			
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	Cultural Heritage	• Will it ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Will it protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	• Number of major development projects that affect the significance of heritage assets or historic landscape character whether in an adverse or beneficial way (SMDC, Annual Monitoring Report)

Objective	SEA Topic	Decision making criteria	Indicator
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	Cultural Heritage and Landscape	• Will it protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Will it promote development on brownfield land? • Will it safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	• % of new dwellings on previously developed land (SMDC, Annual Monitoring Report) • % of new employment on previously developed land (SMDC, Annual Monitoring Report)
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	Cultural Heritage	• Will it support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Does it help support tourism and the visitor economy?	• Percentage of visitors staying overnight (STEAM report)
ECONOMIC			
Employment, Economic Development and Regeneration			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	N/A	• Will it safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Will it safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	• Retail vacancy rates (%) • Retail A1 completions (m^2) (SMDC, Annual Monitoring Report)
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	N/A	• Will it provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Will it provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	• Employment land supply SMDC, Annual Monitoring Report) • Enterprise births and deaths (Business Demography, ONS)
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	N/A	• Will it meet the employment needs of local people? • Will it increase economic activity levels? • Will it improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Will it support higher income levels for local residents?	• Unemployment rates • % of population economically active • Earnings by residence and workplace (Nomisweb)

Table 5.1 Objectives and indicators

Summary of findings

6 Summary of findings

6.1 This section provides a summary of the main findings of the SA. The summary findings are set out in the following sections:

- Consideration of a "do nothing" approach.
- Housing requirement options appraisal.
- Employment land requirement options appraisal.
- Development Site options appraisal, including options for a Gypsy and Traveller site.
- Alternative development approaches for Cheadle.
- Alternative development approaches for the rural areas.
- Preferred Option Local Plan Policies appraisal.

Do Nothing approach

6.2 Whilst the Sustainability Appraisal has to consider a "do nothing option", local planning authorities are required to have an up to date Local Plan. The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 set out matters that should be considered when preparing a Local Plan and prescribe their form and content. The National Planning Policy Framework describes the evidence that should be gathered in the preparation of local plans and the approach that they should adopt. In some matters therefore, the Council considers that a “do nothing” approach is not a reasonable option.

6.3 In his report on the Examination of the Staffordshire Moorlands Core Strategy[9], the Inspector required an early and comprehensive review of the Core Strategy for the period 2016 – 2031 and recommended rolling it forward into a single local plan combined with the proposed Site Allocations DPD. His report also identified the need for a Site Allocations DPD to include a review of the Green Belt boundaries in the vicinity of Biddulph, leading to the identification of further development opportunities. Thus not preparing a Local Plan - and not basing this on up to date assessments of housing and employment needs - were not considered to be reasonable alternatives for apppraisal.

6.4 Although the policies contained within the Core Strategy accord with the NPPF, and can still be given weight in decision making, the "do nothing" option of relying on saved Core Strategy policies could result in development which does not help to address the District's current problems. Since policies would not be updated to reflect the latest evidence, the "do nothing" approach risks a continuation of the issues identified in the Baseline Data review, such as a decline in working age population, which could stifle economic growth in the District. Thus failure to update Core Strategy policies was not considered to be a reasonable alternative for appraisal.

6.5 There is pressure to release additional land for development. With no Local Plan in place, there is less certainty about where future development will take place and this is likely to lead to less sustainable developments and more planning appeals. A failure to select appropriate sites for development from alternatives is likely to lead to an insufficient supply of housing and employment land and could lead to sites being determined by Appeal. This would give no control over the location of development which in turn may have a negative influence on the delivery of services and facilities within the District as piecemeal development may result from having no certainty over where additional housing development would go

9 www.staffsmoorlands.gov.uk/media/343/Inspectors-Final-Report--Core-Strategy-Examination-Jan-2014/pdf/Staff_Moors_CS_Exam_report_final.pdf

and the associated lack of certainty over the delivery of infrastructure. Thus a "do nothing" approach that failed to identify the most sustainable and deliverable development sites from a range of reasonable alternatives was not considered to be a reasonable option for appraisal.

6.1 Appraisal of housing requirement options

Background

6.6 The adopted Core Strategy covers the period 2006 - 2026. Policy SS2 (Future Provision of Development) indicates that the Council will make provision for an additional 6,000 dwellings over the plan period at an average annual development rate of 300 dwellings. The policy also states that "the Council will undertake and complete an early and comprehensive review of the Core Strategy by 2016 to cover the period 2016 - 2031 to ensure that future provision will continue to adequately meet objectively assessed needs and reflect development potential".

6.7 Nathaniel Lichfield & Partners (NLP) produced a Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA) on behalf of the Council in April 2014. The identification of Objectively Assessed Need (OAN) for housing was at the heart of the study, based on a range of housing, economic and demographic factors, trends and forecasts. The demographic data underpinning NLP's modelling work was subsequently updated by the Office for National Statistics (ONS). This new data, the 2012-based Sub National Population Projections, (SNPP) was published on 29th May 2014. NLP analysed this updated data and issued an updated report in August 2014.

6.8 The August 2014 Housing Needs Update[(10)] recommended a range of housing OAN between 210 and 430 dwellings per annum. This range encompassed the Oxford Economics Job Growth projections and would allow the District to meet its demographically-driven housing needs in full.

6.9 The 2012-based Sub-National Household Projections (SNHP) were released on 27th February 2015 and superseded the 2011-based (interim) SNHP. The 2012-based SNHP incorporate the ONS 2012-based SNPP published on 28th May 2014 and further information from the Census 2011 where available.

6.10 Since these SNHP were released following the adoption of the Core Strategy in March 2014, NLP has undertaken further work to consider the implications of the 2012-based SNHP on the Council's OAN and a further update Report was published in July 2015.

6.11 A revision to the July 2015 was subsequently prepared to take account of information released since Summer 2015 as well as relevant Planning inspector's Reports and High Court Judgements on approaches to defining housing OAN. The January 2016 revision also took on board new Annual Population Survey (APS) data, the 2014 Mid-Year Population Estimates (MYE) and the latest unemployment data in the PopGroup modelling.

6.12 In order to inform plan preparation, a number of reasonable alternatives were appraised derived from this January 2016 report. A description of this is set out from paragraph 6.59.

10 Housing Needs Study 2012-based SNPP Update: High Peak Borough Council and Staffordshire Moorlands District Council; Nathaniel Lichfield and Partners; 15th August 2014

6.13 A further update to the SHMA[11] was published in February 2017 when a number of scenarios were remodelled to take account of a series of changes to the evidence, including the 2014-based SNPP published in May 2016. These population projections provided the most up to date estimate of population growth over the period 2014 - 2039 at 1st February 2017. The 2017 SHMA has used the latest 2014-based SNHP to derive the baseline demographic need, which acts as the 'starting point' when determining the housing OAN. Thereafter, various assumptions, adjustments and sensitivities were applied to take account of local factors and economic aspirations.

6.14 In order to further inform plan preparation, additional reasonable alternatives were appraised derived from the February 2017 report. A description of the further assessments is set out from paragraph 6.23.

6.15 At the Council Assembly meeting on 8 March 2017 it was resolved to take forward into the Preferred Options Local Plan an annual housing requirement of 320 homes per year (close to the combined jobs growth scenario). The report to Council Assembly sets out the following reasons for this being the recommended preferred option. An annual requirement of 320 homes per year:

- Most closely accords with the housing policy set out in the NPPF as it fully meets demographic housing needs and helps to address the affordable housing need. It also increases the scope to provide specialist housing such as Self-Build and Custom Build.
- Supports the provision of approximately 870 additional jobs up to the year 2031. This will help to set a positive economic strategy for the District in line with Paragraph 21 of the NPPF.
- With a pro-active approach to delivery taken by the Council, is "aspirational, but realistic" when considered in the context of an historic average delivery rate of 178 homes per year.
- Is deliverable in terms of the supply of suitable housing land, the scope to release land from the Green Belt and infrastructure capacity.
- Is consistent with the requirement agreed by the Council in 2016. The majority of sites required for this level of development were not found to give rise to significant landscape or heritage impacts, including on the setting of the Peak District National Park.
- Provides a balanced range of social, economic and environmental effects as set out in the Sustainability Appraisal the most consistent with the four aims of the Corporate Plan (2015-2019) when read as a whole.

6.16 It is appropriate to appraise the sustainability of the preferred option in greater detail, to analyse any adverse effects that are identified as being likely and where appropriate to identify mitigation measures that may be required to prevent, reduce or offset these effects. An appraisal of the preferred option was undertaken in December 2017.

Summary of appraisal findings - preferred option

6.17 The full SA appraisal matrices recording the detail of assessment of effects of the preferred option is provided in section 16.1. The summary of findings is set out below.

11 Staffordshire Moorlands SHMA Update; Nathaniel Lichfield & Partners; 2017

Summary of predicted effects

6.18 The preferred option proposes the delivery of 320 new dwellings per year. This fully meets demographic housing needs and helps address affordable housing need and as such is expected to have a direct, long-term positive effect on provision of homes to meet local needs, this includes the needs of an ageing population.

6.19 Predicted population growth of around 8,500 is likely to increase spending in the local economy resulting in positive benefits for the District's towns and villages, including help to safeguard local shops and services. This option is based on expected job growth of up to circa 870 and a labour force increase of close to 980 in the district 2014-2031. This is likely to allow for the economic potential of the district to be realised and lead to medium and long term positive impacts on the local economy and local employment.

6.20 However development of greenfield sites outside settlement boundaries, potential loss of best and most versatile agricultural land, potential development within mineral safeguarding areas or within the proximity of heritage assets may lead to long term negative effects on biodiversity; designated and non-designated heritage assets and their settings; and landscape character and natural assets including mineral resources, although the exact effects are uncertain and it is reasonable to expect that adequate mitigation can be made.

6.21 Similarly development may give rise to negative effects on objectives relating to climate change contributions and air quality as a result of energy consumption and emissions arising from construction and use of new dwellings and associated car journeys, however the exact effects are uncertain. The preferred option delivers development that is largely close to town and village centres, despite this there remains scope for negative effects on minimising the distance people need to travel to access key services and facilities and on limiting the opportunities for use of sustainable forms of transport. This is balanced by new development also enabling new opportunities for investment in community facilities, including Green Infrastructure and other measures that may help to support walking and cycling which may also help to reduce health inequalities, leading to possible minor positive effects on supporting health improvements.

6.22 Overall the preferred option is considered to provide a balanced range of positive social, economic and environmental effects. A number of mitigation measures have been identified. These are as follows:

- Wider initiatives of the Council should be supported to help deliver additional affordable homes.
- Local Plan policies to ensure that:
- Good standards of amenity and open space and Green Infrastructure are delivered as part of new housing development.
- New developments are brought forward in sustainable locations, support safe walking and cycling and deliver opportunities to increase take up of sustainable transport choices and improvements to healthy travel networks, including increased opportunities for access to the countryside.
- New developments are well designed, creating safe places and reduced opportunities for anti-social behaviour and that high environmental design standards are supported.
- Developments include appropriate landscaping to aid removal of air pollutants.
- Developments are directed towards areas of least flood risk and incorporate SuDS wherever possible.

- Support protection and enhancement of the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources including protection and enhancement of geologically important sites.
- Support protection and enhancement for the character of towns / villages; designated and non-designated heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.
- Support waste minimisation.
- Support sustainable economic growth, including support for tourism and the visitor economy and town and village centres.

Selection of alternatives for appraisal - February 2017

6.23 The Staffordshire Moorlands 2014-based SNPP and 2014-based household projections Update[(12)] considered that a housing OAN range of between 235 dpa and 330 dpa represented the appropriate range for the plan area. This range was considered to provide a realistic level of housing provision which will address economic growth requirements, affordable housing need, worsening market signals and the demographic challenges that are present.

6.24 A number of (previously agreed) scenarios, based upon demographic, economic and housing trends, were updated to reflect the 2014- based data and the latest mid-year population estimates. The modelling work excluded any "policy-on" scenarios and included the addition of a scenario which seeks to meet identified affordable housing needs.

6.25 These scenarios represented the alternatives for potential future growth within the District. They demonstrate the extent to which the population of the Staffordshire Moorlands District could change over the Plan period and how this change would be translated into households, dwellings, labour force and the number of jobs that might be supported by the local population.

6.26 The scenarios were:

- **Scenario A: Baseline 2014 SNPP -** A scenario utilising the latest ONS 2014-based SNPP and the headship rates from the CLG 2014-based household projections. [170 dpa (with no uplifts)]

- **Scenario Aa: Sensitivity Test –** Applying the same assumptions as for Scenario A; however, starting post-2017, headship rates amongst 15-34 year olds will return half-way to the 2008-based projections by 2031. This is termed 'partial catch-up' [PCU]. [192 dpa (with no uplifts)]

- **Scenario Ab: Sensitivity Test –** As Aa, but incorporating the latest 2015 mid-year population estimate. [196 dpa (with no uplifts)]

- **Scenario B: Natural Change** – This scenario sets all migration to 0, assuming that there is no movement into or out of the District over the Plan period. This provides an indication of the level of housing required if only current local residents' needs were catered for. [16 dpa (with no uplifts)]

12 Staffordshire Moorlands SHMA Update 2017; February 2017; Nathaniel Lichfield & Partners

- **Scenario C: Zero Net Migration** – A theoretical scenario whereby in and out migration (both internal and international) is balanced, meaning there is only population churn in the District and no growth from net in-migration, i.e. migrants continue to move into and out of the District, but on a one in, one out basis. [-22 dpa (with no uplifts)]
- **Scenario D: Long Term Migration Trends** – A scenario based on migration trends observed for Staffordshire Moorlands over the previous 10 years (the period 2005/06 to 2014/15). [139 dpa (with no uplifts)]
- **Scenario Da: Sensitivity Test** - applying the same assumptions as for Scenario D; incorporating PCU Headship rates. [160 dpa (with no uplifts)]
- **Scenario E: Oxford Economics Job Growth** – based on (post-Brexit) policy off job growth as forecast by Oxford Economics (October 2016), based on the net additional workforce jobs over the period 2014-2031. [279 dpa (with no uplifts)]
- **Scenario Ea: Sensitivity Test** – based on Oxford Economics job growth forecast but reduced to account for -5% out commuting. [180 dpa (with no uplifts)]
- **Scenario Eb: Sensitivity Test** – based on Oxford Economics job growth forecast but incorporating PCU headship rates. [302 dpa (with no uplifts)]
- **Scenario F: Job Stabilisation** – Constraining the number of net additional jobs over the 17-year plan period to zero, to assess the level of housing needed to maintain the current number of jobs. [259 dpa (with no uplifts)]
- **Scenario Fa: Sensitivity Test** – based on zero net job growth but incorporating PCU headship rates. [282 dpa (with no uplifts)]
- **Scenario G: Past Trends Job Growth** – Taking into account the past trends job growth for the 15-year period to 2015 derived from the Oxford Economics data (0.47% annually) this scenario assumes that this will continue over the plan period. [420 dpa (with no uplifts)]
- **Scenario Ga: Sensitivity Test** – based on Past Trends job growth but incorporating PCU headship rates. [446 dpa (with no uplifts)]
- **Scenario H: Experian Job Growth** - based on policy off job growth as forecast by Experian (December 2016), using net additional workforce jobs over the period 2014-2031. [333 dpa (with no uplifts)]
- **Scenario Ha: Sensitivity Test** – based on Experian job growth but incorporating PCU headship rates. [357 dpa (with no uplifts)]
- **Scenario I: Combined Job Growth** - based on a combination of the Oxford Economics and Experian job growth projections over the period 2014-2031. [306 dpa (with no uplifts)]
- **Scenario Ia: Sensitivity Test** – based on the previous combined job growth scenario but incorporating PCU headship rates. [329 dpa (with no uplifts)]
- **SHMA Affordable Housing Need** - based on the affordable housing needs identified in the SHMA Update February 2017. [679 / 1,309 dpa (with no uplifts)]

6.27 The Government's Practice Guidance states that 'household projections published by the Department for Communities and Local Government should provide the starting point estimate of overall housing need'. It also states that the household projections of housing need may require adjustment to reflect factors affecting local demography and household formation rates which are not captured in past trends.

6.28 Housing requirements must set a level of housing delivery which meets the needs associated with population and household growth, addresses the need for all types of housing including affordable and caters for housing demand[13]. Furthermore, a planned level of housing to meet OAN must respond positively to wider opportunities for growth and should take account of market signals, including affordability[14].

6.29 Scenarios B, C and D have produced targets that are lower than the baseline demographic projections considered the starting point for identifying objectively assessed need and on this basis have not been pursued by the Council.

6.30 Scenarios E, Ea and Eb, Oxford Economics Job Growth and the associated sensitivity tests (allowing for a reduction in the level of net out commuting by 5% and applying PCU headship rates), have also not been considered reasonable alternatives for sustainability appraisal. Nor have scenarios H and Ha, Experian job growth and its sensitivity test. This is because whilst both forecasting houses are considered to provide credible and robust estimates of job growth, their recent estimates for the District have proved to be different. Experian has projected that the Staffordshire Moorland's economy will grow by 1,400 workforce jobs 2014-2031 - significantly higher than the Oxford Economics projections (339 over the same period) - primarily due to much stronger growth predicted by Experian in certain manufacturing sectors. It was thus considered reasonable to attach greater weight to the combined job growth scenario.

6.31 The Baseline Scenarios (A) and Baseline plus Partial Catch Up Scenario (Aa) have contributed to NLP's recommended lower end of the OAN range based on Scenario Ab: 2014-based SNHP with mid year estimates and sensitivity for partial catch-up headship rates (235 dpa including uplifts). This scenario (Ab) is considered to represent the appropriate demographic led need for housing and would be the minimum necessary to meet the District's future housing needs to 2031 and is thus considered a reasonable alternative to assess. **(Option 1.)**

6.32 The Job Stabilisation scenario (F) 259 dpa was the scenario previously considered to be the most appropriate for the Council to pursue (January 2016 appraisal - see below) and so the scenario has been considered as a reasonable alternative on this basis. **(Option 2.)**

6.33 As discussed, jobs growth forecasts have been obtained from both Oxford Economics and Experian. Because of the methodological differences between the two models, the job projections derived are quite different: (Oxford Economics: job growth 2014-2031: 20pa; Experian: job growth 2014-2031: 82pa. As the detailed assumptions are not disclosed with regards to the local and regional economy, along with the adjustments made to the raw data to calculate the forecasts, it is difficult to make a robust decision concerning the comparative weight to attach to each forecast. On this basis it was considered reasonable to appraise the scenario which takes an average level of job growth across the two econometric projections. Scenario Ia, Combined job growth plus partial catch up (329 dpa) was used to

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inform the employment-led upper end of the recommended housing OAN range; it represents the level of housing growth necessary to provide a sufficiently large labour force to support a combination of the Oxford Economics and Experian job growth forecasts for the District and is thus considered a reasonable alternative to appraise. **(Option 3.)**

6.34 Finally, Scenario G is a past trends scenario indicating the level of housing needed should historic job growth trends continue over the plan period. For Scenario Ga, the same employment and demographic inputs were applied as for Scenario G, but with the application of the partial catch up accelerated headship rates. This test generated a housing need of 446dpa to 2031 - the highest requirement of the scenarios tested by NLP and above the recommended OAN range of 235 - 330dpa. It was included as a reasonable scenario for appraisal to help identify the likely economic, social and environmental effects of increasing the housing supply to aid the delivery of affordable homes.

6.35 The SHMA (2014) identified a critical affordable housing OAN of 707 dpa (net) affordable housing over the next five years across the District. The December 2016 Update (February 2017) concluded that there was a net annual need of between 224 and 432 affordable dwellings, which attributing an estimated delivery rate of 33% equates to a total need of at least 679dpa and potentially as high as 1,309dpa.

6.36 The NPPF makes clear that having identified the OAN for affordable housing, the Local Plan should meet this need subject to the constraints referred to in paragraphs 14 and 47. However paragraph 154 of the Framework also requires that Local Plans should be aspirational but realistic. NLP considered that an affordable housing OAN of at least 679dpa and potentially as high as 1,309dpa is very unlikely to be consistently achieved in the District. However the Council considered it appropriate to consider the economic, social and environmental impacts of delivering a housing requirement of 450 dpa, representing an employment led scenario giving rise to a requirement beyond the upper end of the recommended OAN range and making a very significant contribution to meeting affordable housing need.

6.37 On this basis the SA has considered a fourth reasonable alternative housing requirement: the option of 450 dpa. **(Option 4.)**

6.38 In summary, consideration of the scenarios set out above led to the Council considering four potential housing requirement alternatives for appraisal:

- Option 1: 235 new homes each year (2014 - 2031)
- Option 2: 260 new homes each year (2014 - 2031)
- Option 3: 330 new homes each year (2014 - 2031)
- Option 4: 450 new homes each year (2014 - 2031)

Summary of appraisal findings February 2017

6.39 The full SA appraisal matrices recording the detail of the appraisal of each of these options are provided in section 16. The summary of findings is set out below.

Option 1 - Summary of significant effects

6.40 This option proposes the delivery of 235 new dwellings per year (2014-2031). It will have a direct, long-term positive effect on the SA objective to ensure provision of homes to meet local needs since it represents the lower end of the recommended objectively assessed

housing need range. However being the lower end of the range, the option makes the least contribution of all options considered to addressing affordable housing need and the needs of an ageing population.

6.41 Predicted population growth of around 2,500 is likely to increase spending in the local economy resulting in positive benefits for the District's towns and villages including helping to safeguard local shops and services. However since this option provides for the lowest level of growth, these benefits would be lowest of all options considered. This option is likely to lead to a decline in the labour force of 2,141 and the loss of 1,579 jobs (2014 - 2031). This is likely to undermine economic stability in the long term and lead to a significant negative effect on business, the local economy and local employment through a lack of encouragement for investment in business and infrastructure.

6.42 As the lowest growth option, requiring the lowest number of site allocations, by comparison with other options considered, this alternative is likely to result in minor positive effects on SA objectives relating to the protection of biodiversity; the character of towns, villages and heritage assets and their settings; and landscape character and natural assets. The lower level of growth is also likely to minimise the negative effects on objectives relating to climate change contributions and air quality that are associated with energy consumption and emissions arising from construction and use of new dwellings and associated car journeys.

6.43 The lower level of growth is also likely to help enable a focus of new development on small urban extensions and small sites within existing settlement boundaries resulting in minor positive effects on minimising the distance people need to travel to access key services and facilities and increasing the opportunities for use of sustainable forms of transport. However since this option proposes the lowest level of growth, it is also likely to result in the lowest level of investment in community facilities, including Green Infrastructure and other measures that help to reduce health inequalities, leading to minor negative effects on the SA objective relating to supporting health improvements.

Option 2 - Summary of significant effects

6.44 This option proposes the delivery of 260 new dwellings per year. Since it is within the recommended, full objectively assessed housing need range, the housing requirement would have a direct, long-term positive effect on the SA objective to ensure provision of homes to meet local needs. This positive effect is likely to be more significant than under option 1. However being closer to the lower end of the range than options 3 and 4, the option makes less of a contribution than options 3 and 4 to addressing affordable housing need and the needs of an ageing population.

6.45 Predicted population growth of around 6,300 is likely to increase spending in the local economy resulting in positive benefits for the District's towns and villages, including help to safeguard local shops and services. Under this option, these benefits are likely to be more significant than under option 1 and less significant than under options 3 and 4. This option is expected to maintain the 2014 level of jobs in the district over the plan period. This is likely to result in a long term minor positive impact on business, the local economy and local employment. This compares favourably with the impacts on this objective likely under option 1, where significant negative impacts on SA objectives for supporting employment and economic growth are likely since housing delivery below 260dpa would potentially result in a reduction in jobs. However the positive impacts on economic growth under this option are less significant than those likely to result under options 3 and 4.

6.46 Option 2 requires the second lowest number of site allocations of the four options considered, and consequently this alternative is likely to result in comparatively more positive effects on SA objectives relating to the protection of biodiversity; the character of towns, villages and heritage assets and their settings; and landscape character and natural assets than options 3 and 4. Positive effects on these objectives are slightly less under this option than under option 1. The lower level of growth under option 2 compared with options 3 and 4 is also likely to minimise the negative effects on objectives relating to climate change contributions and air quality that are associated with energy consumption and emissions arising from construction and use of new dwellings and associated car journeys.

6.47 The lower level of growth is also likely more likely under option 2 than options 3 and 4 to enable a focus of new development on small urban extensions and small sites within existing settlement boundaries resulting in minor positive effects on minimising the distance people need to travel to access key services and facilities and increasing the opportunities for use of sustainable forms of transport. Benefits under option 2 in this regard are not likely to be as great as under option 1. However since option 2 proposes the second lowest level of growth of the four options considered, it is likely to result in a lower level of investment than under options 3 and 4 in community facilities, including Green Infrastructure and other measures that help to reduce health inequalities, leading to possible minor negative effects on the SA objective relating to supporting health improvements. These negative effects are not likely to be as significant as under option 1.

Option 3 - Summary of significant effects

6.48 This option proposes the delivery of 330 new dwellings per year. Since it is the upper end of the recommended objectively assessed housing need range, the housing requirement would have a direct, long-term positive effect on the SA objective to ensure provision of homes to meet local needs. This positive effect is likely to be more significant than under options 1 and 2. As the upper end of the range, the option is likely to make a significant contribution to addressing affordable housing need and the needs of an ageing population.

6.49 Predicted population growth of around 8,500 is likely to increase spending in the local economy resulting in positive benefits for the District's towns and villages, including help to safeguard local shops and services. Under this option, these benefits are likely to be more significant than under options 1 and 2, but less significant than under option 4. This option is based on expected job growth of 870 and a labour force increase of 981 in the district 2014-2031. This is likely to allow for the economic potential of the district to be realised and lead to medium and long term positive impacts on the local economy and local employment.

6.50 Option 3 requires the second highest number of site allocations of the four options considered, and consequently this alternative is likely to result in comparatively more negative effects on SA objectives relating to the protection of biodiversity; the character of towns, villages and heritage assets and their settings; and landscape character and natural assets than options 1 and 2. Negative effects on these objectives are slightly less under this option than under option 4. The higher level of growth under option 3 compared with options 1 and 2 is also likely to result in negative effects on objectives relating to climate change contributions and air quality that are associated with energy consumption and emissions arising from construction and use of new dwellings and associated car journeys.

6.51 Due to the extent of sites that are likely to be allocated under this option, it is less likely than under options 1 and 2 that a high proportion of new development can be delivered close to town and village centres, resulting in negative effects on minimising the distance

people need to travel to access key services and facilities and reducing the opportunities for use of sustainable forms of transport. Negative effects under option 3 in this regard are not likely to be as great as under option 4. However since option 3 proposes the second highest level of growth of the four options considered, it is likely to result in a higher level of investment than under options 1 and 2 in community facilities, including Green Infrastructure and other measures that help to reduce health inequalities, leading to possible minor positive effects on the SA objective relating to supporting health improvements. These positive effects are not likely to be as significant as under option 4.

Option 4 - Summary of significant effects

6.52 This option proposes the delivery of 450 new dwellings per year. It will have a direct and significant positive effect on the SA objective to ensure provision of homes to meet local needs since it exceeds the upper end of the recommended objectively assessed housing need range. This option should make the greatest contribution of all options considered to addressing affordable housing need and the needs of an ageing population.

6.53 Predicted population growth of around 13,700 is likely to increase spending in the local economy resulting in positive benefits for the District's towns and villages, including helping to safeguard local shops and services. The past trends scenario provides employment growth in the district of 3,038 jobs 2014-31 (179pa) and an increase in the labour force of 3,746 2014-31 (220pa). As a result, the option is likely to have a significant positive effect on the local economy and local employment. However these predicted positive effects should be treated with caution, since the SHMA December 2016 update notes that the population growth required to underpin this job growth would primarily be achieved by inward migration as opposed to natural change. To achieve the 450dpa that would be required based on a continuation of past job growth rates would require a 6-fold increase in net population growth compared to the 2014-based SNPP and would require more than 10,000 additional migrants from elsewhere across the UK/abroad to move into the district. This is considered to be at odds with what may be reasonably expected to occur in the district.

6.54 As the highest growth option, requiring the highest number of site allocations, by comparison with other options considered, this alternative is likely to result in significant negative effects on SA objectives relating to the protection of biodiversity; the character of towns, villages and heritage assets and their settings; and landscape character and natural assets. The high level of housing growth is also likely to result in negative effects on objectives relating to climate change contributions and air quality that are associated with energy consumption and emissions arising from construction and use of new dwellings and associated car journeys.

6.55 This level of new housing development is not likely to enable growth to be focused on small urban extensions and small sites within the existing settlement boundaries, which may result in increasing the distance people need to travel to access key services and facilities and makes the use of sustainable forms of transport less likely. However since this option proposes the highest level of growth, it is likely to result in the highest level of investment in community facilities, including Green Infrastructure and other measures that may help to reduce health inequalities, leading to positive effects on the SA objective relating to supporting health improvements.

Mitigation measures proposed

6.56 It is possible that some likely significant effects identified via the SA can be mitigated. To assist this, potential mitigation measures have been identified during the appraisal of alternative housing requirements. These recommendations have been included in the review of policies undertaken as part of Local Plan preparation.

Recommended preferred option and options dismissed

6.57 The table below sets out the rationale for recommending an option to take forward into the preferred options plan.

Option recommended to take forward	Rationale
Option 3: 330 dpa	This option could be expected to: • Have a direct and long term positive effect on providing homes to meet local needs (more significant than under options 1 and 2). • Address affordable housing need and the needs of an ageing population. • Result in increased spending in the local economy, helping to safeguard local shops and services. • Support job growth and a labour force increase over the plan period, resulting in significant positive effects on the local economy. • Enable investment in community facilities associated with growth. • Offer comparatively more protection for landscape character and natural assets, biodiversity, the character of towns, villages and heritage assets and their settings when compared with option 4. • Minimise negative effects on climate change and air quality when compared with option 4. However the option makes less of a contribution than option 4 to address affordable housing need. Also, it is less likely than under options 1 and 2 that a high proportion of new development can be delivered close to town and village centres, increasing the distance people may need to travel to access key services and facilities (less significant than under option 4).

Table 6.1 Housing requirement option recommended for taking forward

6.58 The table below sets out the rationale behind those options recommended for dismissal following the appraisal.

Options proposed for dismissal	Rationale
Option 1: 235 dpa	This option could be expected to: • Have a direct and long term positive effect on providing homes to meet local needs. • Result in increased spending in the local economy, helping to safeguard local shops and services. • Offer comparatively more protection for landscape character and natural assets, biodiversity, the character of towns, villages and heritage assets and their settings when compared with all other options. • Minimise negative effects on climate change and air quality when compared with all other options. • Enable a focus of new development on small urban extensions and small sites within existing settlement boundaries, helping to minimise the distance people need to travel to access key services and facilities. However the option makes less of a contribution than all other options to: • Addressing affordable housing need and the needs of an ageing population. • Increased spending in the local economy; and • Enabling investment in community facilities associated with growth. The option is likely to lead to the loss of 1,579 jobs over the plan period, resulting in significant negative effects on the local economy.
Option 2: 260 dpa	This option could be expected to: • Have a direct and long term positive effect on providing homes to meet local needs. • Result in increased spending in the local economy, helping to safeguard local shops and services (less significant than under options 3 and 4). • Offer comparatively more protection for landscape character and natural assets, biodiversity, the character of towns, villages and heritage assets and their settings when compared with options 3 and 4. • Minimise negative effects on climate change and air quality when compared with options 3 and 4. • Enable a focus of new development on small urban extensions and small sites within existing settlement boundaries, helping to minimise the distance people need to travel to access key services and facilities (less significant than under option 1).

Options proposed for dismissal	Rationale
	This option is likely to help maintain the 2014 level of jobs in the district over the plan period, resulting in a long term minor positive impact on business, the local economy and local employment. However the option makes less of a contribution than options 3 and 4 to: • Addressing affordable housing need and the needs of an ageing population. • Increased spending in the local economy; and • Enabling investment in community facilities associated with growth.
Option 4: 450 dpa	This option could be expected to: • Have a direct and long term positive effect on providing homes to meet local needs, including addressing affordable housing need and the needs of an ageing population. • Result in increased spending in the local economy, helping to safeguard local shops and services (more significant than under all other options). • Enable growth related investment in community facilities (more significant than under all other options). The option is based on employment growth in the district of 3,038 jobs over the plan period, resulting in significant positive effects on the local economy. However the population growth required to underpin this job growth would primarily be achieved by a level of inward migration that is not considered a reasonable expectation for the district. The option has more negative effects than all other options (that may not be reasonably mitigated) in relation to likely impact on: • Landscape character and natural assets. • Biodiversity. • Character of towns, villages and heritage assets and their settings; and • Climate change and air quality. It is less likely than under all other options that a high proportion of new development can be delivered close to town and village centres, increasing the distance people may need to travel to access key services and facilities.

Table 6.2 Housing requirement options dismissed following appraisal

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6.59 The Staffordshire Moorlands 2012-based SNHP Update[15] tested the on-going validity of the housing OAN of 210 to 430dpa identified in the 2012-based SNPP Update (August 2014) and found that a revised range of between 250 dpa and 440 dpa represented the appropriate range for the plan area, taking into account worsening market signals, an additional allowance for affordable housing need and planning for a level of economic growth to match earlier assumptions.

6.60 Based on past trends and the housing, economic and demographic context of Staffordshire Moorlands, the SHMA has identified a number of scenarios chosen to reflect the alternatives for future growth within the District. The scenarios demonstrate the extent to which the population of the District is likely to change over the plan period, and how this growth would be translated into households, dwellings, numbers of economically active residents and the number of jobs that might be supported.

6.61 The scenarios were:

- **Scenario A: Updated PopGroup 2012-based SNHP -** A projection of the demographic shift based on current factors and recent trends in Staffordshire Moorlands District, aligning household growth to the 2012-based SNHP. The scenario takes account of dwelling vacancy rates in order to derive a housing need figure from the projections in household growth. [219 dpa (with uplifts)]

- **Scenario Aa: Partial Catch-Up Headship Rates** – Using the 2012-based headship rates as a starting point, it is projected that by 2033 (starting after 2017 to allow for full economic recovery) headship rates for the younger adult age groups will have caught up half of the difference between the 2012 and 2008-based SNHP headship rates. The underlying population upon which this scenario is based is the same as Scenario A, i.e. the 2012-based SNHP. [240 dpa (with uplifts)]

- **Scenario Ab: 2013 and 2014 MYE** - Using the 2013 and 2014 MYE and applying the fertility, mortality, migration and headship rates from the 2012-based household projections thereafter. [227 dpa (with uplifts)]

- **Scenario Ac: 2013 and 2014 MYEs + Partial Catch-Up Headship Rates** - As Ab, but incorporation of partial catch up headship rates on the same basis as Scenario Aa. [248 dpa (with uplifts)]

- **Scenario B: Natural Change** – In and out-migration is reduced to zero, hence growth is driven purely by natural change, or the interaction between births and deaths. [49 dpa (with uplifts)]

- **Scenario C: Zero Net Migration** – Whereby the annual international and domestic migration flows under the baseline scenario are equalised to result in a net migration of zero (i.e. an identical number of people move into the area as leave the District). [8 dpa (with uplifts)]

15 Staffordshire Moorlands 2012-based SNHP Update - Implications of the 2012-based SNHP - January 2016 Revision; January 2016; Nathaniel Lichfield & Partners

- **Scenario D: Short Term Migration Trends** - Based on average gross flows of internal and international migration in Staffordshire Moorlands over the five year period 2008/09 to 2012/13 as taken from the ONS MYE Series, assuming Staffordshire Moorlands will continue to see migration at a level in line with recent trends. [111 dpa (with uplifts)]

- **Scenario E: Long Term Migration Trends** – As above, but using a ten year migration average, from 2002/03 to 2012/13, assuming Staffordshire Moorlands will continue to see migration in line with levels on average over the last decade. [165 dpa (with uplifts)]

- **Scenario F Oxford Economics Job Growth** – A 'policy-off' trend scenario based upon Oxford Economics local area-based econometric model. This provides potential unconstrained employment growth in Staffordshire Moorlands (+2,250 jobs 2012-2031) over the Plan period. [438 dpa (with uplift)]

- **Scenario Fa: Oxford Economics Job Growth + 5% Reduction in Out-Commuting** - This scenario applies the above assumption whilst factoring in a 5% reduction in out-commuting over the period 2012-2031. [361 dpa (with uplift)]

- **Scenario G: Policy On Job Growth Target** – A 'Policy-on' trend scenario based upon the Council's realistic economic objectives whilst factoring in increased economic growth in key sectors in line with regional averages. This provides employment growth in Staffordshire Moorlands of 3,879 jobs over the course of the plan period. [520 dpa (with uplift)]

- **Scenario Ga: Policy On Job Growth Target + 5% Reduction in Out-Commuting** - This scenario applies the above assumption whilst factoring in a 5% reduction in out-commuting over the period 2012-2031. [441 dpa (with uplift)]

- **Scenario H Job Stabilisation / Past Trends Job Growth** – Assumes that there are no additional jobs created over the projection period, i.e. the number of jobs remains at the level achieved in 2012. The past trends job growth for the period 2000-2013, derived from the ONS Job density data, indicates that the long term past trends are neutral and align with the Job Stabilisation scenario, so the two have been combined. [319 dpa (with uplift)]

- **Scenario: Average Past Delivery** – Using past delivery trends (2005/06 - 2014/15) to illustrate what the market has previously delivered and project these forward over the Plan period. [195 dpa]

- **Scenario: SHMA Need -** The SHMA 2014 identified a critical need for 707 (net) affordable housing dwellings annually over the next five years in the District. [2,142 dpa]

- **Scenario: Core Strategy target** - Testing the population and economic implications of delivering the target set out in the adopted Core Strategy. [300 dpa]

6.62 The Government's Practice Guidance states that 'household projections published by the Department for Communities and Local Government should provide the starting point estimate of overall housing need'. It also states that the household projections of housing need may require adjustment to reflect factors affecting local demography and household formation rates which are not captured in past trends.

6.63 Housing requirements must set a level of housing delivery which meets the needs associated with population and household growth, addresses the need for all types of housing including affordable and caters for housing demand[16]. Furthermore, a planned level of housing to meet OAN must respond positively to wider opportunities for growth and should take account of market signals, including affordability[17].

6.64 Scenarios B, C, D, E and "Average past delivery" have produced targets that are lower than the baseline demographic projections considered the starting point for identifying objectively assessed need and on this basis have not been pursued by the Council.

6.65 Scenario Fa Oxford Economics and reduced commuting has also not been considered a reasonable alternative for sustainability appraisal. This is because the scenario is based on job growth remaining the same as in Scenario F, but assumes a policy approach to attempt to reduce out-commuting and thereby reduce the number of in-migrants required to take up those job opportunities. In the absence of known policy measures, it was considered more appropriate to consider Scenario F as an option for appraisal, (see paragraph 5.17).

6.66 The Baseline Scenario (A); the Baseline plus Partial Catch Up Scenario (Aa); including the 2013 and 2014 MYE Scenario (Ab); and including the 2013 and 2014 MYE with Partial Catch Up Scenario (Ac) are (before uplifts) closely aligned to the average past delivery figure (Scenario: Average Past Delivery). These scenarios have contributed to NLP's recommended lower end of the OAN range (250 dpa including uplifts) and this requirement is thus considered a reasonable option to assess. (Option 1.)

6.67 The Job Stabilisation scenario (H) is broadly aligned with the Council's adopted housing requirement figure (Scenario Core Strategy target) and has been considered further on this basis. (Option 2.)

6.68 The Council is actively seeking to promote economic growth and therefore a third reasonable alternative requirement is one that allows for an additional element of housing growth to support the creation of new jobs. The top end of the range proposed by NLP (440 dpa) enables the delivery of sufficient labour force levels to support the Oxford Economics Job Growth projections (Scenario F). Since this is intended to allow for the economic potential of Staffordshire Moorlands to be realised, it is considered a reasonable alternative to appraise. This Scenario also closely aligns with Scenario Ga. (Option 3.)

6.69 Finally, Scenario G is a Policy On Job Growth scenario, using the job creation figures set out in the Council's Employment Land Review (ELR). It presents an objective forecast of how the District could perform in economic terms based on the nature of its economy and current expectations of future national and regional economic performance. To underpin this level of growth there would be need to be an increase in dwellings equating to a housing requirement of 473 dpa; with the 10% uplift for affordable housing this yields a requirement of 520dpa. This is the highest requirement of the scenarios tested by NLP.

6.70 The SHMA (2014) identified a critical affordable housing OAN of 707 dpa (net) affordable housing over the next five years across the District. The NPPF makes clear that having identified the OAN for affordable housing, the Local Plan should meet this need subject to the constraints referred to in paragraphs 14 and 47. However paragraph 154 of the Framework also requires that Local Plans should be aspirational but realistic. NLP considered that delivering 707 affordable dpa at a rate of 33% overall would indicate a

16 National Planning Policy Framework paragraph 159
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housing requirement of 2,142 dpa. This is clearly not realistic for the District to deliver. However the Council considered it appropriate to consider the economic, social and environmental impacts of delivering a housing requirement of 520 dpa, representing an employment led scenario giving rise to a requirement beyond the upper end of the recommended OAN range and making a very significant contribution to meeting affordable housing need.

6.71 On this basis the SA has considered a fourth reasonable alternative housing requirement: the option of 520 dpa. (Option 4.)

6.72 In summary, consideration of the scenarios set out above led to the Council considering four potential housing requirement alternatives for appraisal:

- Option 1: 250 new homes each year (2016 - 2031)
- Option 2: 320 new homes each year (2016 - 2031)
- Option 3: 440 new homes each year (2016 - 2031)
- Option 4: 520 new homes each year (2016 - 2031)

Summary of appraisal findings - January 2016

6.73 The full SA appraisal matrices recording the detail of the appraisal of each of these options are provided in section 8. The summary of findings is set out below.

Option 1 - Summary of significant effects

6.74 This option proposes the delivery of 250 new dwellings per year. It will have a direct, long-term positive effect on the SA objective to ensure provision of homes to meet local needs since it represents the lower end of the recommended objectively assessed housing need range. However being the lower end of the range, the option makes the least contribution of all options considered to addressing affordable housing need and the needs of an ageing population.

6.75 Predicted population growth of around 2,800 is likely to increase spending in the local economy resulting in positive benefits for the District's towns and villages including helping to safeguard local shops and services. However since this option provides for the lowest level of growth, these benefits would be lowest of all options considered.

6.76 This option is likely to lead to the loss of 2,075 jobs over the plan period. This is likely to result in a significant negative effect on business, the local economy and local employment through a lack of encouragement for investment in business and infrastructure.

6.77 As the lowest growth option, requiring the lowest number of site allocations, by comparison with other options considered, this alternative is likely to result in minor positive effects on SA objectives relating to the protection of biodiversity; the character of towns, villages and heritage assets and their settings; and landscape character and natural assets. The low level of growth is also likely to minimise the negative effects on objectives relating to climate change contributions and air quality that are associated with energy consumption and emissions arising from construction and use of new dwellings and associated car journeys.

6.78 The low level of growth is also likely to help enable a focus of new development on small urban extensions and small sites within existing settlement boundaries resulting in minor positive effects on minimising the distance people need to travel to access key services

and facilities and increasing the opportunities for use of sustainable forms of transport. However since this option proposes the lowest level of growth, it is also likely to result in the lowest level of investment in community facilities, including Green Infrastructure and other measures that help to reduce health inequalities, leading to minor negative effects on the SA objective relating to reducing health improvements.

Option 2 - Summary of significant effects

6.79 This option proposes the delivery of 320 new dwellings per year. Since it is within the recommended objectively assessed housing need range, the housing requirement would have a direct, long-term positive effect on the SA objective to ensure provision of homes to meet local needs. This positive effect is likely to be more significant than under option 1. However being closer to the lower end of the range than options 3 and 4, the option makes less of a contribution than options 3 and 4 to addressing affordable housing need and the needs of an ageing population.

6.80 Predicted population growth of around 7,900 is likely to increase spending in the local economy resulting in positive benefits for the District's towns and villages, including help to safeguard local shops and services. Under this option, these benefits are likely to be more significant than under option 1 and less significant than under options 3 and 4.

6.81 This option is expected to maintain the current number of jobs in the district over the plan period. This is likely to result in a long term minor positive impact on business, the local economy and local employment. This compares favourably with the impacts on this objective likely under option 1, where significant negative impacts on SA objectives for supporting employment and economic growth are likely. However the positive impacts on economic growth under this option are less significant than those likely to result under options 3 and 4.

6.82 Option 2 requires the second lowest number of site allocations of the four options considered, and consequently this alternative is likely to result in comparatively more positive effects on SA objectives relating to the protection of biodiversity; the character of towns, villages and heritage assets and their settings; and landscape character and natural assets than options 3 and 4. Positive effects on these objectives are slightly less under this option than under option 1.

6.83 The lower level of growth under option 2 compared with options 3 and 4 is also likely to minimise the negative effects on objectives relating to climate change contributions and air quality that are associated with energy consumption and emissions arising from construction and use of new dwellings and associated car journeys.

6.84 The lower level of growth is also likely more likely under option 2 than options 3 and 4 to enable a focus of new development on small urban extensions and small sites within existing settlement boundaries resulting in minor positive effects on minimising the distance people need to travel to access key services and facilities and increasing the opportunities for use of sustainable forms of transport. Benefits under option 2 in this regard are not likely to be as great as under option 1. However since option 2 proposes the second lowest level of growth of the four options considered, it is likely to result in a lower level of investment than under options 3 and 4 in community facilities, including Green Infrastructure and other measures that help to reduce health inequalities, leading to possible minor negative effects on the SA objective relating to reducing health improvements. These negative effects are not likely to be as significant as under option 1.

Option 3 - Summary of significant effects

6.85 This option proposes the delivery of 440 new dwellings per year. Since it is the upper end of the recommended objectively assessed housing need range, the housing requirement would have a direct, long-term positive effect on the SA objective to ensure provision of homes to meet local needs. This positive effect is likely to be more significant than under options 1 and 2. As the upper end of the range, the option is likely to make a significant contribution to addressing affordable housing need and the needs of an ageing population.

6.86 Predicted population growth of around 13,400 is likely to increase spending in the local economy resulting in positive benefits for the District's towns and villages, including help to safeguard local shops and services. Under this option, these benefits are likely to be more significant than under options 1 and 2, but less significant than under option 4.

6.87 This option is based on expected job growth of 2,250 in the district over the plan period. This is likely to allow for the economic potential of the district to be realised and result in medium and long term positive impacts on the local economy and local employment.

6.88 Option 3 requires the second highest number of site allocations of the four options considered, and consequently this alternative is likely to result in comparatively more negative effects on SA objectives relating to the protection of biodiversity; the character of towns, villages and heritage assets and their settings; and landscape character and natural assets than options 1 and 2. Negative effects on these objectives are slightly less under this option than under option 4.

6.89 The higher level of growth under option 3 compared with options 1 and 2 is also likely to result in negative effects on objectives relating to climate change contributions and air quality that are associated with energy consumption and emissions arising from construction and use of new dwellings and associated car journeys.

6.90 Due to the extent of sites that are likely to be allocated under this option, it is less likely than under options 1 and 2 that a high proportion of new development can be delivered close to town and village centres, resulting in negative effects on minimising the distance people need to travel to access key services and facilities and reducing the opportunities for use of sustainable forms of transport. Negative effects under option 3 in this regard are not likely to be as great as under option 4. However since option 3 proposes the second highest level of growth of the four options considered, it is likely to result in a higher level of investment than under options 1 and 2 in community facilities, including Green Infrastructure and other measures that help to reduce health inequalities, leading to possible minor positive effects on the SA objective relating to reducing health improvements. These positive effects are not likely to be as significant as under option 4.

Option 4 - Summary of significant effects

6.91 This option proposes the delivery of 520 new dwellings per year. It will have a direct and significant positive effect on the SA objective to ensure provision of homes to meet local needs since it exceeds the upper end of the recommended objectively assessed housing need range. This option should make the greatest contribution of all options considered to addressing affordable housing need and the needs of an ageing population.

6.92 Predicted population growth of around 17,000 is likely to increase spending in the local economy resulting in positive benefits for the District's towns and villages, including helping to safeguard local shops and services. This option is based on an objective forecast

of how the district could perform in economic terms based on the nature of its economy and current expectations of future national and regional economic performance and provides unconstrained employment growth in the district of 3,878 jobs over the plan period. As a result, the option is likely to have a significant positive effect on the local economy and local employment. However these predicted positive effects should be treated with caution, since the 2012-based SNHP update notes that the population growth required to underpin this job growth would primarily be achieved by inward migration as opposed to natural change. Net migration would need to increase from +7,373 to +20,645 - over 13,000 net additional in migrants to achieve the required population level (all other assumptions remaining constant). This is considered to be at odds with what may be reasonably expected to occur in the district.

6.93 As the highest growth option, requiring the highest number of site allocations, by comparison with other options considered, this alternative is likely to result in significant negative effects on SA objectives relating to the protection of biodiversity; the character of towns, villages and heritage assets and their settings; and landscape character and natural assets. The high level of housing growth is also likely to result in negative effects on objectives relating to climate change contributions and air quality that are associated with energy consumption and emissions arising from construction and use of new dwellings and associated car journeys.

6.94 This level of new housing development is not likely to enable growth to be focused on small urban extensions and small sites within the existing settlement boundaries, which may result in increasing the distance people need to travel to access key services and facilities and makes the use of sustainable forms of transport less likely. However since this option proposes the highest level of growth, it is likely to result in the highest level of investment in community facilities, including Green Infrastructure and other measures that may help to reduce health inequalities, leading to positive effects on the SA objective relating to reducing health improvements.

Mitigation measures proposed

6.95 It is possible that some likely significant effects identified via the SA can be mitigated. To assist this, potential mitigation measures have been identified during the appraisal of alternative housing requirements. These recommendations will be included in the review of policies undertaken as part of Local Plan preparation.

Recommended preferred option and options dismissed

6.96 The table below sets out the rationale for recommending an option to take forward into the preferred options plan.

Option recommended to take forward	Rationale
Option 2: 320 dpa	This option could be expected to: • Have a direct and long term positive effect on providing homes to meet local needs (more significant than under option 1); • Result in increased spending in the local economy, helping to safeguard local shops and services;

Option recommended to take forward	Rationale
	• Maintain the current number of jobs in the District; • Offer comparatively more protection for landscape character and natural assets, biodiversity, the character of towns, villages and heritage assets and their settings when compared with options 3 and 4; • Minimise negative effects on climate change and air quality when compared with options 3 and 4; • Enable a focus of new development on small urban extensions and small sites within existing settlement boundaries, helping to minimise the distance people need to travel to access key services and facilities (less significant than under option 1). However the option makes less of a contribution than options 3 and 4 to: • Addressing affordable housing need and the needs of an ageing population; • Increased spending in the local economy; • Supporting employment and economic growth; and • Enabling investment in community facilities associated with growth.

Table 6.3 Housing requirement option recommended for taking forward

6.97 The table below sets out the rationale behind those options recommended for dismissal following the appraisal.

Options proposed for dismissal	Rationale
Option 1: 250 dpa	This option could be expected to: • Have a direct and long term positive effect on providing homes to meet local needs; • Result in increased spending in the local economy, helping to safeguard local shops and services; • Offer comparatively more protection for landscape character and natural assets, biodiversity, the character of towns, villages and heritage assets and their settings when compared with all other options; • Minimise negative effects on climate change and air quality when compared with all other options; • Enable a focus of new development on small urban extensions and small sites within existing settlement boundaries, helping to minimise the distance people need to travel to access key services and facilities.

Options proposed for dismissal	Rationale
	However the option makes less of a contribution than all other options to: • Addressing affordable housing need and the needs of an ageing population; • Increased spending in the local economy; and • Enabling investment in community facilities associated with growth. The option is likely to lead to the loss of 2,075 jobs over the plan period, resulting in significant negative effects on the local economy.
Option 3: 440 dpa	This option could be expected to: • Have a direct and long term positive effect on providing homes to meet local needs, including addressing affordable housing need and the needs of an ageing population; • Result in increased spending in the local economy, helping to safeguard local shops and services (more significant than under options 1 and 2); • Enable growth related investment in community facilities (less significant than under option 4). The option is based on expected job growth of 2,250 over the plan period, resulting in significant positive effects on the local economy. However the option has more negative effects than options 1 and 2 (that may not be reasonably mitigated) in relation to likely impact on: • Landscape character and natural assets; • Biodiversity; • Character of towns, villages and heritage assets and their settings; and • Climate change and air quality. It is less likely than under options 1 and 2 that a high proportion of new development can be delivered close to town and village centres, increasing the distance people may need to travel to access key services and facilities (less significant than under option 4).
Option 4: 520 dpa	This option could be expected to: • Have a direct and long term positive effect on providing homes to meet local needs, including addressing affordable housing need and the needs of an ageing population;

Options proposed for dismissal	Rationale
	• Result in increased spending in the local economy, helping to safeguard local shops and services (more significant than under all other options); • Enable growth related investment in community facilities (more significant than under all other options). The option is based on unconstrained job growth of 3,878 over the plan period, resulting in significant positive effects on the local economy. However the population growth required to underpin this job growth would primarily be achieved by inward migration and this is not considered a reasonable expectation for the district. The option has more negative effects than all other options (that may not be reasonably mitigated) in relation to likely impact on: • Landscape character and natural assets; • Biodiversity; • Character of towns, villages and heritage assets and their settings; and • Climate change and air quality. It is less likely than under all other options that a high proportion of new development can be delivered close to town and village centres, increasing the distance people may need to travel to access key services and facilities.

Table 6.4 Housing requirement options dismissed following appraisal

6.2 Appraisal of alternative employment land requirements

Background

6.98 Nathaniel Lichfield & Partners (NLP) prepared an Employment Land Review for the district in July 2014. This study was updated in February 2017 to incorporate more recent data releases, to align with the updated Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA) and also to reflect the changing economic context post British exit from the European Union.

6.99 The report[(18)] considered a number of potential future scenarios in order to help identify requirements for B-class employment space in the district over the seventeen year period 2014-2031. The scenarios are set out in the section below.

Selection of alternatives for appraisal

6.100 A variety of forecasting techniques were used to identify options for employment land requirements, as follows.

18 Staffordshire Moorlands ELR Update; February 2017; Nathaniel Lichfield & Partners

- Baseline employment forecasts (labour demand) using Oxford Economics Local Market Quarterly Forecasts for October 2016; Experian's local area-based projections and a combined jobs growth scenario.
- Estimated growth in the local labour supply - and the jobs and employment space that this could be expected to support - having regard to analysis presented as part of the District's SHMA.
- Consideration of past take-up of employment space based on the Council's monitoring data and projecting forward to forecast how this might change in the future.

6.101 The scenarios were:

- **Scenario 1: Oxford Economics** Staffordshire Moorlands Economic Forecasts (October 2016): gross employment land requirement in hectares (2014-2031): **16.89**
- **Scenario 2: Experian** job growth projections: gross employment land requirement in hectares (2014-2031): **38.06**
- **Scenario 3: Combination of job growth forecasts**: gross employment land requirement in hectares (2014-2031): **27.47**
- **Scenario 4: Past trends**: gross employment land requirement in hectares (2014-2031): **24.79**
- **Scenario 5: Job stabilisation**: gross employment land requirement in hectares (2014-2031): **16.26**
- **Scenario 6: Past take up rates**: gross employment land requirement in hectares (2014-2031): **23.98**
- **Scenario 7: Labour supply to match forecast growth of resident workforce modelled under SHMA Update 2017 Scenario A (170dpa):** gross employment land requirement in hectares (2014-2031): **12.61**
- **Scenario 8: Labour supply to match forecast growth of resident workforce modelled under SHMA Update 2017 Scenario Ab (196dpa):** gross employment land requirement in hectares (2014-2031): **12.73**

6.102 The Housing and Economic Development Needs Assessment section of the National Planning Practice Guidance[19] advises that local authorities should develop an idea of future needs based on a range of data which is current and robust. In particular it recommends that plan-makers consider a variety of forecasting techniques.

6.103 Two demographically derived assessments of future employment land needs have been identified (labour supply). It was considered appropriate to consider one of these further. Since Scenario Ab: (Baseline 2014 sub national population projections with sensitivity tests) was used to inform option 1 of the housing requirement alternatives - the Council dismissed Scenario 7 and took Scenario 8 forward for assessment as **Option 1** of the possible employment land requirements.

6.104 A number of sectoral employment forecasts and projections (labour demand) have been used. Scenario 1 was underpinned by Oxford Economics forecasts (October 2016) and Scenario 2 took Experian job growth forecasts. Both forecasting houses produce credible and robust estimates of job growth at a local level. However there are methodological differences between them regarding how the various job projections are derived and this can lead to differences in the outcomes. For example the OE forecasts project a FTE job growth in the district of 288 (net) for the period 2014-2031 compared with the Experian forecast that project a FTE job growth of 1,300 (net) for the same period. The most obvious

19 https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/planning-practice-guidance

discrepancy between the two projections relates to the manufacturing sector. On balance, the Council considers that there is merit in dismissing scenarios 1 and 2 and taking forward for appraisal a combination of the two scenarios: scenario 3 (as **Option 4**).

6.105 Scenario 5 (job stabilisation) assumes that the district's overall job growth will stabilise over the coming years (ie zero job growth post 2014) based on the trends outlined in scenario 1. Since job stabilisation is a scenario considered in the housing requirement options appraisal, it was considered appropriate to take forward this scenario for further appraisal as an employment land requirement option also (**Option 2**).

6.106 Scenarios 4 and 6 (past trends and past take up rates) suggested requirements that were broadly aligned. An option based on these scenarios was taken forward for appraisal as **Option 3**.

6.107 In summary, consideration of the scenarios set out above led to the Council considering four potential employment land requirement alternatives for appraisal:

- Option 1: 13ha (2014 - 2031)
- Option 2: 16ha (2014 - 2031)
- Option 3: 25ha (2014 - 2031)
- Option 4: 27ha (2014 - 2031)

Summary of appraisal findings

Option 1 - Summary of significant effects

6.108 This option is based on labour supply projections and proposes the delivery of 13ha of employment land to 2031 (gross). This option represents the lower end of the range and as such may provide less opportunities than under all other options to ensure that there is sufficient local supply of employment land in the district for its businesses to expand and grow. However It is still likely to lead to a positive effect on the local economy and local employment through helping to meet previously identified needs to revitalise current poor quality stock; help address the imbalance of the portfolio in terms of the size of properties available and meet continued demand for B2 floorspace (particularly from indigenous companies). However as it proposes the lowest allocation of new employment land of all options considered, this option is likely to lead to least overall, long-term support for strengthening, modernising and diversifying the district economy.

6.109 The labour supply scenario forecasts workforce jobs to be 35,485 in 2031 (a decline of 1,637 since 2014), of all options considered, this option is likely to lead to least overall, long-term support for encouraging a high and stable level of employment. Ensuring a sufficient supply of employment land is likely to enable local businesses to expand and make a positive contribution to the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, contributing to the safeguarding and improvement of shops and services. However this option makes the least positive contribution to this of all options considered.

6.110 The option is considered likely to lead to negative effects on meeting housing need since the scenario projects the amount of new jobs needed to match the future working-age population and how much employment space would be needed to accommodate these jobs. The demographic scenarios identified in the emerging SHMA result in a need for 170dpa and 196dpa and housing supply at this level is not considered sufficient to meet objectively assessed need. Further negative effects are likely to result on objectives relating to climate

change contributions and air quality that are associated with energy consumption and emissions arising from construction and use of new employment space and associated car journeys.

6.111 Since the option represents the lowest allocation of new employment land there is less opportunity to deliver employment close to where people live, potentially increasing the distance people need to travel to access key services and facilities and making the use of sustainable forms of transport less likely. In addition, this option offers least opportunity to address the high levels of out commuting from the district, leading to negative effects predicted for the objective to reduce the number of journeys made by car. Uncertain effects are recorded on a number of SA objectives including those relating to community cohesion, the protection of biodiversity; the character of towns, villages and heritage assets and their settings; and landscape character and natural assets as the effect will be dependent on the location of employment land allocations and the implementation of Local Plan policies.

Option 2 - Summary of significant effects

6.112 This option is based on a demand-led projection and proposes the delivery of 16ha of employment land 2014 to 2031 (gross). This job stabilisation scenario provides a lower-mid range employment land requirement option and as such may provide more opportunity than option 1, but less opportunity than under options 3 and 4 to ensure that there is sufficient local supply of employment land in the district for its businesses to expand and grow. However the option is likely to lead to a positive effect on the local economy and local employment through helping to meet previously identified needs to revitalise current poor quality stock; help address the imbalance of the portfolio in terms of the size of properties available and meet continued demand for B2 floorspace (particularly from indigenous companies). As lower-mid-range, this option is likely to lead to more opportunity than under option 1, but less opportunity than under options 3 and 4, to offer long-term support for strengthening, modernising and diversifying the district economy.

6.113 The scenario assumes that the district's overall job growth will stabilise over the coming years, ie zero job growth post 2014 and the option is likely to lead to more opportunity than option 1, but less opportunity than under options 3 and 4, to offer long-term support for encouraging a high and stable level of employment. Ensuring a sufficient supply of employment land is likely to enable local businesses to expand and make a positive contribution to the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, contributing to the safeguarding and improvement of shops and services. The option makes a more positive contribution to this than option 1, but less of a positive contribution than is likely under options 3 and 4.

6.114 The option is considered likely to lead to positive effects on meeting housing need since to ensure labour supply meets the job stabilisation forecast, higher levels of housing delivery will be required and this is likely to lead to meeting objectively assessed need. Negative effects are likely to result for objectives relating to climate change contributions and air quality that are associated with energy consumption and emissions arising from construction and use of new employment space and associated car journeys. Since the option is lower-mid range, there is more opportunity to deliver employment close to where people live than under option 1 but less opportunity than under options 3 and 4, influencing the distance people need to travel to access key services and facilities and impacting on the likelihood of people being enabled to use sustainable forms of transport. In addition, the option offers some opportunity to address the high levels of out commuting from the district,

leading to less significant negative effects than under option 1, but more negative impacts than under options 3 and 4 predicted for the objective to reduce the number of journeys made by car.

6.115 Uncertain effects are recorded on a number of SA objectives including those relating to community cohesion, the protection of biodiversity; the character of towns, villages and heritage assets and their settings; and landscape character and natural assets as the effect will be dependent on the location of employment land allocations and the implementation of Local Plan policies.

Option 3 - Summary of significant effects

6.116 This option is based on demand-led projections informed by past take up rates and past trends, proposing the delivery of 25ha of employment land to 2031 (gross). This option is upper-mid range and as such may provide more opportunities than under options 1 and 2, but less opportunity than option 4 to ensure that there is sufficient local supply of employment land in the district for its businesses to expand and grow. This option is likely to lead to a significantly positive effect on the local economy and local employment through helping to meet previously identified needs to revitalise current poor quality stock; help address the imbalance of the portfolio in terms of the size of properties available and meet continued demand for B2 floorspace (particularly from indigenous companies). As this option is upper-mid range it may provide more opportunities than under options 1 and 2, but less opportunity than option 4 to lead to overall, long-term support for strengthening, modernising and diversifying the district economy.

6.117 The past trends job growth scenario suggests growth in office FTE jobs (B1a) but declining FTE jobs in industrial (B1c/B2) and warehousing (B8) land use. Consideration of past take up rates suggests limited prospects for growth in the B-class employment sectors. The practical physical constraints and relative inaccessibility of certain areas and the current lack of viability of employment development schemes suggests that realistically an upsurge in large developments in the district is unlikely for the forseeable future. However as this option is upper-mid range it may provide more opportunities than under options 1 and 2, but less opportunity than option 4 to lead to long-term support for encouraging a high and stable level of employment. Ensuring a sufficient supply of employment land is likely to enable local businesses to expand and make a positive contribution to the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, contributing to the safeguarding and improvement of shops and services. This option makes a more positive contribution to this than options 1 and 2, but less of a contribution than option 4.

6.118 The option is also considered likely to lead to positive effects on meeting housing need. Past trends in FTE job growth over the period 2014-2031 were considered (2,609) in addition to past take up rates of employment sites in the district, reflecting market demand. To ensure labour supply is sufficient to support the net land requirement produced by this approach (around 3ha - 3.9ha to 2031) high levels of housing delivery will be required, likely to be considered sufficient to meet objectively assessed need.

6.119 Since the option is upper-mid range, there is most opportunity to deliver employment close to where people live than under options 1 and 2, potentially reducing the distance people need to travel to access key services and facilities and making the use of sustainable forms of transport more likely, however the option offers less of a positive contribution to this than option 4. In addition, this option offers more opportunity than options 1 and 2 to address the high levels of out-commuting from the district, leading to positive effects predicted for

the objective to reduce the number of journeys made by car; although the significance is less than under option 4. However negative effects are likely to result on objectives relating to climate change contributions and air quality that are associated with energy consumption and emissions arising from construction and use of new employment space and associated car journeys, these effects are likely to be greater than under options 1 and 2 , but less significant than under option 4.

6.120 Uncertain effects are recorded on a number of SA objectives including those relating to community cohesion, the protection of biodiversity; the character of towns, villages and heritage assets and their settings; and landscape character and natural assets as the effect will be dependent on the location of employment land allocations and the implementation of Local Plan policies.

Option 4 - Summary of significant effects

6.121 This option is based on demand-led projections informed by Oxford Economics and Experian job growth forecasts, proposing the delivery of 27ha of employment land to 2031 (gross). This option represents the upper end of the range and as such may provide more opportunities than under all other options to ensure that there is sufficient local supply of employment land in the district for its businesses to expand and grow. This option is likely to lead to a significantly positive effect on the local economy and local employment through helping to meet previously identified needs to revitalise current poor quality stock; help address the imbalance of the portfolio in terms of the size of properties available and meet continued demand for B2 floorspace (particularly from indigenous companies).

6.122 The scenario represents a combination of Oxford Economics (OE) and Experian job growth forecasts. Whilst both projections indicate growth over the plan period, the magnitude of this varies considerably. OE suggest a net growth of +228 jobs 2014 - 2031 whilst Experian projections forecast +1,300 over the same period. A key difference between them relates to the projections for manufacture of machinery and equipment and of transport equipment with OE projections suggesting a decline of -427 FTE jobs for these two sectors and Experian projections suggesting a growth of 1,676 FTE jobs net. Given the presence of successful companies in the district specialising in these advanced manufacturing sectors, the NLP report considers there is merit in taking forward a combination of the two job growth scenarios providing a net increase of 435 B-Class FTE jobs 2014-2031 (794 FTEs in total). The report notes that allocation of this level of employment land would require policy intervention via the emerging Local Plan and close monitoring to ensure that the associated scale of job growth is realistic.

6.123 However as it proposes the greatest allocation of new employment land of all options considered, this option has the greatest potential to lead to overall, long-term support for strengthening, modernising and diversifying the district economy and encouraging a high and stable level of employment. Ensuring a sufficient supply of employment land is likely to enable local businesses to expand and make a positive contribution to the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, contributing to the safeguarding and improvement of shops and services. This option makes the most positive contribution to this of all options considered.

6.124 The option is also considered likely to lead to positive effects on meeting housing need. To ensure labour supply is sufficient to support the net land requirement produced by this approach (around 6.5ha 2014 to 2031) significant levels of housing delivery will be required, likely to be considered sufficient to meet objectively assessed need.

6.125 Since the option represents the greatest allocation of new employment land there is most opportunity to deliver employment close to where people live, potentially reducing the distance people need to travel to access key services and facilities and making the use of sustainable forms of transport more likely. In addition, this option offers most opportunity to address the high levels of out-commuting from the district, leading to positive effects predicted for the objective to reduce the number of journeys made by car. However negative effects are likely to result on objectives relating to climate change contributions and air quality that are associated with energy consumption and emissions arising from construction and use of new employment space and associated car journeys.

6.126 Uncertain effects are recorded on a number of SA objectives including those relating to community cohesion, the protection of biodiversity; the character of towns, villages and heritage assets and their settings; and landscape character and natural assets as the effect will be dependent on the location of employment land allocations and the implementation of Local Plan policies.

Mitigation measures proposed

6.127 It is possible that some likely significant effects identified via the SA can be mitigated. To assist this, potential mitigation measures have been identified during the appraisal of alternative employment land requirements. These recommendations are recorded in the appraisal tables set out in section 9 and have been included in the review of policies undertaken as part of Local Plan preparation.

Recommended preferred option and options dismissed

6.128 The table below sets out the rationale for recommending an option to take forward into the preferred options plan.

Option recommended to take forward	Rationale
Option 4: 27 Ha	This option could be expected to: • Provide opportunities to ensure that there is sufficient supply of employment land in the district to allow local businesses to grow (more significant than under all other options). • Lead to long term support for strengthening, modernising and diversifying the district economy. • Provide a net increase of 435 B-class FTE jobs, encouraging a high and stable level of employment. • Help meet previously identified needs to revitalise current poor quality stock. • Help address the imbalance of the portfolio in terms of the size of properties available. • Meet continued demand for B2 floorspace (particularly from indigenous companies).

Option recommended to take forward	Rationale
	• Provide opportunities to deliver employment close to where people live (more significant than under all other options). • Address the high levels of out commuting from the district (more significant than under all other options). Significant levels of housing delivery will be required to ensure labour supply is sufficient to support the net land requirement produced by this approach. Negative effects are likely to result on objectives relating to climate change contributions and air quality that are associated with energy consumption and emissions arising from construction and use of new employment space and associated car journeys.

Table 6.5 Employment land requirement option recommended for taking forward

6.129 The table below sets out the rationale behind those options recommended for dismissal following the appraisal.

Options proposed for dismissal	Rationale
Option 1: 13 Ha	This option could be expected to: • Provide some opportunities to ensure that there is sufficient supply of employment land in the district to allow local businesses to grow (less significant than under all other options). • Lead to limited long term support for strengthening, modernising and diversifying the district economy (less significant than under all other options). • Minor positive effect on the local economy through help to meet demand for B2 floorspace and revitalise current poor quality stock (less significant than under all other options). • Least opportunity to address the high levels of out commuting from the district than under all other options. • Least opportunity to deliver employment close to where people live than under all other options. Under this option, workforce jobs are forecast to be 35,485 in 2031 (a decline of 1,637 since 2014). Using labour supply projections as the forecast basis is unlikely to contribute towards meeting objectively assessed housing need.

Options proposed for dismissal	Rationale
	However whilst minor negative effects are likely to result on objectives relating to climate change contributions and air quality that are associated with energy consumption and emissions arising from construction and use of new employment space and associated car journeys - these are less significant than under all other options.
Option 2: 16 Ha	This option could be expected to: • Provide some opportunities to ensure that there is sufficient supply of employment land in the district to allow local businesses to grow (less significant than under options 3 and 4). • Lead to limited long term support for strengthening, modernising and diversifying the district economy (less significant than under options 3 and 4). • Minor positive effect on the local economy through help to meet demand for B2 floorspace and revitalise current poor quality stock (less significant than under options 3 and 4). • Less opportunity to address the high levels of out commuting from the district than under options 3 and 4. • Less opportunity to deliver employment close to where people live than under options 3 and 4. Under this option job growth is forecast to stabilise (zero job growth post-2014). Minor negative effects are likely to result on objectives relating to climate change contributions and air quality that are associated with energy consumption and emissions arising from construction and use of new employment space and associated car journeys - these are more significant than under option 1, but less significant than under options 3 and 4.
Option 3: 25 Ha	This option could be expected to: • Provide opportunities to ensure that there is sufficient supply of employment land in the district to allow local businesses to grow (more significant than under options 1 and 2, but less significant than under option 4). • Lead to long term support for strengthening, modernising and diversifying the district economy (more significant than under options 1 and 2, but less significant than under option 4). • Minor positive effect on the local economy through help to meet demand for B2 floorspace and revitalise current poor quality stock (more significant than under options 1 and 2, but less significant than under option 4).

Options proposed for dismissal	Rationale
	• More opportunity to address the high levels of out commuting from the district than under options 1 and 2, but less than under option 4. • More opportunity to deliver employment close to where people live than under options 1 and 2, but less than under option 4. The past trends job growth scenario suggests growth in office FTE jobs (B1a) but declining FTE jobs in industrial (B1c/B2) and warehousing (B8) land use. Consideration of past take up rates suggests limited prospects for growth in the B-class employment sectors. Negative effects are likely to result on objectives relating to climate change contributions and air quality that are associated with energy consumption and emissions arising from construction and use of new employment space and associated car journeys - these are more significant than under options 1 and 2, but less significant than under option 4.

Table 6.6 Employment land requirement options dismissed following appraisal

6.3 Appraisal of site options

Selection of alternatives for appraisal

6.130 In March 2014, the Council adopted its Core Strategy as the strategy for the future development of the district to 2026 (excluding those parts of the district within the Peak District National Park). The Core Strategy does not identify specific sites to meet future development requirements but identifies the settlements where development may take place and the scale and nature of the development appropriate to those areas.

6.131 The Council maintains a Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) which identifies and assesses the availability, suitability and deliverability of land as a potential housing site to meet the identified need for housing over the plan period. This evidence helps the Council understand what sites are theoretically available for housing development and was used, alongside other pieces of evidence, to identify potential alternative locations for housing to be allocated in the emerging Staffordshire Moorlands Local Plans.

6.132 To inform the Council's future choice of site allocations through the emerging Local Plan, a range of alternative site options which could potentially be developed for housing, employment and other uses such as open space were identified and consulted on between July and September 2015. A detailed appraisal of these options is documented in section 15 of this report.

6.133 Over 5,500 consultation responses were received to the 2015 consultation and these and the findings of the SA were used, alongside other evidence, to help determine preferred sites to be taken forward into a draft Local Plan. A first preferred site options consultation was held in April 2016.

6.134 An Initial SA report was consulted on alongside this preferred option sites and boundaries document between 28th April and 13th June 2016. The report included details of the SA of site options and the summaries are reproduced below. In some cases the Initial SA report recommended that further information was sought concerning the sustainability effects of site allocation and the summaries below include detail of this additional evidence where appropriate. In some cases the additional evidence has contributed to the justification for the selection or rejection of sites as a preferred option. In each case rationale for site selection or dismissal as a preferred option is provided.

6.135 Following the additional evidence and consideration of responses received to the April 2016 consultation, a second preferred options draft plan was prepared for further consultation in July 2017. The SA site summaries below include updates to the site summaries included in the Initial SA report with results of the appraisal of additional sites put forward.

6.136 SA site summaries for 33 alternative options for the preferred location of a Gypsy and Traveller site are set out in the next section.

Glossary of terms used

6.137 Agricultural Land Classification (**ALC**) is a basis for assessing how development proposals affect agricultural land within the planning system. The system classifies land into five grades, with Grade 3 subdivided into Subgrades 3a and 3b. The best and most versatile land (**BMV**) is defined as Grades 1, 2 and 3a by policy guidance.

6.138 Biodiversity Alert Sites (**BAS**) are of lesser significance on a County basis than **SBI** sites (see below), because of lower intrinsic quality, smaller size or damage or disturbance. Nevertheless they collectively form a significant part of the County's nature conservation resource, and in some cases a valuable 'reserve series' for some of the Sites of Biological Importance.

6.139 **Flood Zones** refer to the probability of river and sea flooding, ignoring the presence of defences. Zone 1: Low Probability; Zone 2: Medium Probability; Zone 3a: High Probability; Zone 3b: The Functional Floodplain.

6.140 Habitats Regulations Assessment (**HRA**) is an assessment in accordance with the Habitats Regulations (the Conservation (Natural Habitats, &c.) Regulations 1994 as amended) to ascertain the significance of potential impacts of a plan on relevant European sites. The assessment determines whether the plan would adversely affect the integrity of such a site in terms of its nature conservation objectives. Where negative effects are identified, other options should be examined to avoid any potential for damaging effects. The sites are: Special Areas of Conservation (**SAC**s) - designated under the Habitats Directive and Special Protection Areas (**SPA**s) - designated under the Wild Birds Directive.

6.141 Sites of Biological Importance (**SBI**) are sites of local importance and contain most of the best remaining areas of semi-natural habitat in the county. The sites are selected as the result of a series of county biological and habitat surveys.

Summary of appraisal findings - all options - with rationale for any options dismissed

Leek

Leek - sites within current settlement boundary

LE022

6.142 The proposed delivery of circa 16 dwellings is considered to have a positive effect. The site is also accessible to existing services and facilities which is likely to have a positive effect, as could the site's low ecological importance. However, the development of greenfield land indicated on the predictive map of Best and Most Versatile agricultural land as within an area where 20 - 60% of the land is likely to be BMV is assessed as having a negative effect, as could the site's proximity to historic assets and the inaccessibility of existing areas of employment.

6.143 This site was taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

6.144 The site comprises a small field on the south-eastern edge of Leek, west of the A523 (Ashbourne Road). The site has full planning permission for 12 dwellings, currently awaiting a Decision Notice (SMD/2016/0510).

6.145 The Extended Phase 1 Habitat Surveys and Local Wildlife Site Assessment (May 2017) considered that the site has low ecological value in its potential to support protected species and the site habitats are considered to be of nature conservation value at site level only.

6.146 The Landscape, Local Green Space & Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) considered that the site is of low landscape sensitivity. There are four Grade II Listed Buildings within the 400m buffer. The study considered that their settings do not contribute greatly to the significance of the assets and that development would be highly unlikely to adversely affect their settings.

6.147 Initial Habitats Regulations Assessment Screening noted that new housing development in Leek could increase recreational pressure and air pollution effects (from increased road traffic) potentially resulting in impact on the Peak District Moors (South Pennine Moors Phase 1) SPA and South Pennine Moors SAC. This requires further investigation.

6.148 The site was proposed for inclusion in the July 2017 preferred option Local Plan.

LE037A

6.149 The proposed delivery of circa 28 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as could the site's proximity to existing areas of employment. The site is also accessible to existing services and facilities which is likely to have a positive effect. However, the development of greenfield land is assessed as having a negative effect, as could the site's proximity to historic assets and the ecological importance of the site.

6.150 Given the current SBI status of most of the site and owing to its ecological importance any future development of the site should be considered in accordance with relevant policies of the NPPF and the Core Strategy.

6.151 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

LE045

6.152 The proposed delivery of circa 50 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as could the site's proximity to existing areas of employment and services and facilities within the town. However, the site's proximity to a designated asset is likely to have a significant negative effect. The development of greenfield land, grade 4 ALC is assessed as having a negative effect, as could the site's proximity to historic assets.

6.153 The site is part of Ball Haye Green Disused Tip SBI. There is potential for visual impact on Abbey Farm (listed Grade II) and the site of Dieu-la-Cres Abbey (Scheduled Monument). County Highways has raised access difficulties.

6.154 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

LE057

6.155 The proposed delivery of circa 105 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as could the site's proximity to existing areas of employment and services and facilities within the town. However, the development of greenfield land, grade 4 ALC is assessed as having a negative effect, as could the site's proximity to historic assets and the ecological importance of the site given its relation to Ladydale Site of Biological Importance.

6.156 The site overlays a part of the Ladydale SBI and is situated within the original parkland setting of Pickwood Hall (listed Grade II). County Highways has raised access difficulties.

6.157 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

LE061

6.158 The site's proximity to existing areas of employment and services and facilities within the town is assessed as having a significant positive effect, as could the development of brownfield, urban ALC land. The proposed delivery of circa 16 houses is considered to have a positive effect. However, the site's proximity to historic assets is assessed as being a negative effect.

6.159 Since the site is within the current Leek Town Development Boundary a development proposal could come forward at any time and consequently the site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

LE063

6.160 The proposed delivery of circa 30 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as could the site's proximity to services, facilities and existing areas of employment. However, the site's proximity to historic assets and ecological importance of the site is likely to have a negative effect.

6.161 Since the site is within the current Leek Town Development Boundary a development proposal could come forward at any time and consequently the site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

LE064

6.162 The site's proximity to existing areas of employment is considered to be a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site has good accessibility to services and facilities which is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is located within flood zone 2 which is assessed as being a negative effect. The development of greenfield land is likely to have a negative effect, as could the site's proximity to historic assets and a Local Nature Reserve.

6.163 The site is located on the north-western edge of Leek, and comprises a field of rough grassland which slopes up from commercial development on Ashbourne Road to a property on Kiln Lane. There is relevant planning history on the site with an outline application for 11 dwellings awaiting a section 106 agreement. Since the site is likely to be affected to some degree by flood risk, allocation of the site will require support of the Sequential Test and a level 2 SFRA.

6.164 The site was taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

6.165 An outline application for eleven dwellings was approved on 14th December 2016 (SMD/2013/1201). The site was not included in the July 2017 version preferred option Local Plan.

LE070

6.166 The proposed delivery of circa 22 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as could the development of urban ALC brownfield land, the site's proximity to services, facilities and existing areas of employment. However, the site's proximity to historic assets and the ecological importance of the site is assessed as a negative effect.

6.167 Since the site is within the current Leek Town Development Boundary a development proposal could come forward at any time and consequently the site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

LE076

6.168 The proposed delivery of circa 50 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as could the site's proximity to services, facilities and existing areas of employment. However, the site's proximity to a designated asset is likely to have a significant negative effect. The development of greenfield land, grade 4 ALC is assessed as being a negative effect, as could the site's proximity to a Local Nature Reserve and the ecological importance of the site.

6.169 The site is part of Ball Haye Green Disused Tip SBI. There is potential for impact on the setting of Fowlchurch, a former grange of Dieu-la-Cres Abbey (listed Grade II). County Highways has raised access difficulties.

6.170 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

LE091

6.171 The proposed delivery of circa 150 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as could the site's proximity to services, facilities and existing areas of employment. However, the site's proximity to designated and historic assets is likely to have a significant negative effect. The development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is assessed as being a negative effect.

6.172 The site overlays most of Ball Haye Green Disused Tip SBI and is in close proximity to Brough Park Fields Local Nature Reserve. There is potential for impact on the setting of Fowlchurch, a former grange of Dieu-la-Cres Abbey (listed Grade II). There is potential for visual impact on Abbey Farm (listed Grade II) and the site of Dieu-la-Cres Abbey (Scheduled Monument). County Highways has raised access difficulties.

6.173 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

LE106

6.174 The site's proximity to services, facilities and existing areas of employment is assessed as a significant positive effect. However, the development of greenfield land, grade 4 ALC is assessed as being a negative effect. As could the site's proximity to historic assets and a Local Nature Reserve.

6.175 Since the site is within the current Leek Town Development Boundary a development proposal could come forward at any time and consequently the site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

LE147

6.176 The proposed delivery of circa 25 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as could the site's proximity existing areas of employment. Similarly, the site is accessible to services and facilities which is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site's proximity to designated and historic assets is likely to have a significant negative effect. Similarly, the development of greenfield land, grade 4 ALC is assessed as being a negative effect.

6.177 There is a listed well (Ladywell) to the south of the site and a 19th century stone structure survives (listed grade II). The site forms part of established parkland to Pickwood Hall and is part of the Ladydale SBI habitat mosaic.

6.178 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

LE243

6.179 The proposed delivery of circa 70 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as could the site's proximity to existing areas of employment. Similarly, the site has good accessibility to services and facilities which is likely to have a positive effect, as could the development of urban ALC brownfield land. However, the site's proximity to historic assets could have a negative effect. The site's proximity to a Local Nature Reserve is also assessed as being a negative effect.

6.180 The site is part of Ball Haye Green Disused Tip SBI and is adjacent to Fowlchurch Farmhouse (listed Grade II). The site is currently in employment use.

6.181 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

LE249

6.182 The proposed delivery of circa 35 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as could the site's proximity to existing areas of employment. However, the site is partially within flood zone 3 which is likely to have a significant negative effect, as could its proximity to historic assets. Similarly, the proximity to a Local Nature Reserve is

assessed as having negative effects, as could the inaccessibility to other services and facilities. The site is indicated on the predictive map of Best and Most Versatile agricultural land as an urban / industrial area. There is potential for contamination to be present, resulting from the site's former use as a depot.

6.183 The site is surrounded by Ladderedge Country Park to the west and south, a golf course and stream to the north with connective scrub and scattered trees, intersected by the A53 to the east. The site has a culverted watercourse flowing beneath it and is partially within flood zone 3. Allocation of the site will require support of the Sequential Test and a level 2 SFRA. Consideration should be given to planting and landscaping on the eastern boundaries in order to limit effects on views from Ladderedge Country Park. There are opportunities to contribute to the Council's Green Infrastructure strategy.

6.184 The site was taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016, with a revised boundary to exclude areas within the flood zone.

6.185 The Extended Phase 1 Habitat Surveys and Local Wildlife Site Assessment (May 2017) considered that the site has low ecological value in its potential to support protected species. The site habitats are considered to be of nature conservation value at local level only. However, more information is required requiring the presence/absence of reptiles.

6.186 There is one Grade II Listed Building within the 400m buffer. The Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) considered that setting does not extensively contribute to the significance of the asset and that development would be highly unlikely to adversely affect the setting of the asset. The site was considered by the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) to be of low landscape sensitivity.

6.187 Initial Habitats Regulations Assessment Screening noted that new housing development in Leek could increase recreational pressure and air pollution effects (from increased road traffic) potentially resulting in impact on the Peak District Moors (South Pennine Moors Phase 1) SPA and South Pennine Moors SAC. This requires further investigation.

6.188 The site was not proposed for inclusion in the July 2017 preferred option Local Plan.

LE259

6.189 The proposed delivery of circa 50 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as could the site's proximity to services, facilities and existing areas of employment. However, the proximity to historic assets and a LNR are assessed as being significant negative effects. The development of greenfield land, grade 4 ALC land is assessed as being a negative effect.

6.190 The site is part of Ball Haye Green Disused Tip SBI and is adjacent to Fowlchurch Farmhouse (listed Grade II). The site is currently used as a sports pitch.

6.191 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

Leek - Other Uses

LE014 and LE015

6.192 The development of new employment premises should have a significant positive effect upon the vitality and viability of the District, strengthen economic growth and support a higher level of employment within the District. Similarly, the accessibility of other services and facilities is likely to have a significant positive effect, as could the proposed delivery of circa 30 dwellings.

6.193 It is understood that contamination may affect the site.

6.194 Since the site is within the current Leek Town Development Boundary a development proposal could come forward at any time and consequently the site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

LE067

6.195 The development of new employment premises should have a significant positive effect upon the vitality and viability of the District, strengthen economic growth and support a higher level of employment within the District. Similarly, the accessibility of other health care services and facilities is likely to have a significant positive effect, as could the proposed delivery of circa 30 dwellings. However, the site is in proximity to historic assets and a Local Nature Reserve which is likely to have a negative effect.

6.196 Since the site is within the current Leek Town Development Boundary a development proposal could come forward at any time and consequently the site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

LE073

6.197 The development of new employment premises should have a significant positive effect upon the vitality and viability of the District, strengthen economic growth and support a higher level of employment within the District. Similarly, the accessibility of other services and facilities is likely to have a significant positive effect, as could the development of brownfield, urban ALC land. However, the proximity to historic assets and a Local Nature Reserve are assessed as being negative effects.

6.198 Has recent planning approval for 35 dwellings (SMD/2015/0523).

LE080, LE085, LE086 & LE252

6.199 The development of new employment premises should have a significant positive effect upon the vitality and viability of the District, strengthen economic growth and support a higher level of employment within the District. Similarly, the accessibility of other services and facilities is likely to have a significant positive effect, as could the proposed delivery of circa 25 dwellings. However, the site includes two listed buildings which is likely to have a significant negative effect. The proximity of the site to a Local Nature Reserve is also likely to have a negative effect.

6.200 Since the site is within the current Leek Town Development Boundary a development proposal could come forward at any time and consequently the site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

LE116

6.201 The development of new employment premises should have a significant positive effect upon the vitality and viability of the District, strengthen economic growth and support a higher level of employment within the District. Similarly, the accessibility of other services and facilities is likely to have a significant positive effect, as could the proposed delivery of circa 21 dwellings and development of brownfield, urban ALC land. However, the site is in proximity to historic assets and a Local Nature Reserve which is likely to have a negative effect, as could the ecological value of the site.

6.202 Since the site is within the current Leek Town Development Boundary a development proposal could come forward at any time and consequently the site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

LE150 (Newton House)

6.203 The development of new employment premises should have a significant positive effect upon the vitality and viability of the District, strengthen economic growth and support a higher level of employment within the District. Similarly, the proposed delivery of circa 120 is likely to have a significant positive effect. However, the site is indicated on the predictive map of Best and Most Versatile agricultural land as partly within an area where 20 - 60% of the land is likely to be BMV and this is likely to have a significant negative effect. The site's proximity to historic assets and its ecological value is likely to have a significant negative effect.

6.204 The site comprises existing offices, parking and surrounding land on the southern edge of Leek, east of Cheddleton Road. It is adjacent to Ladydale SBI and Ballington Wood ancient woodland. Further work is required to address potential impacts on these sites and if necessary a buffer should be required between the site and Ballington Wood / Ladydale SBI. A contribution to Green Infrastructure may be required.

6.205 The site was taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

6.206 The Extended Phase 1 Habitat Surveys and Local Wildlife Site Assessment (May 2017) considered that the site has medium ecological value in its potential to support protected species. The site habitats are considered to be of nature conservation value at district level only. However, more information is required regarding the scattered trees on site in order to establish their ecological importance, and the potential to support a population of reptiles and badgers.

6.207 There are nine Grade II Listed Buildings within the 400m buffer. The Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) considered that there was no inter-visibility with the assets to the north of the site due to intervening vegetation and buildings. Therefore, development would be highly unlikely to adversely affect the settings of those assets. The settings of the three assets to the south of the site are not considered to contribute greatly to their significance. However, adverse effects could be reduced by stepping development back and using vegetation screening along the south-western edge of the site.

6.208 The site was considered by the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) to be of low landscape sensitivity. Initial Habitats Regulations Assessment Screening noted that new development in Leek could increase

recreational pressure and air pollution effects (from increased road traffic) potentially resulting in impact on the Peak District Moors (South Pennine Moors Phase 1) SPA and South Pennine Moors SAC. This requires further investigation.

6.209 The site was proposed for inclusion in the July 2017 preferred option Local Plan.

LE219

6.210 The development of new employment premises should have a significant positive effect upon the vitality and viability of the District, strengthen economic growth and support a higher level of employment within the District. Similarly, the development of brownfield, urban ALC land is likely to have a significant positive effect. However, the site's proximity to historic assets and some ecological value is likely to have a negative effect.

6.211 The site is currently in employment use.

6.212 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

LE220

6.213 The development of new employment premises should have a significant positive effect upon the vitality and viability of the District, strengthen economic growth and support a higher level of employment within the District. Similarly, the site has good accessibility to services and facilities and the development of brownfield, urban ALC land is likely to have a significant positive effect. However, the site's proximity to historic assets is likely to have a significant negative effect. The site's proximity to ecological importance is likely to have a negative effect.

6.214 The site is adjacent to Big Mill (Grade II listed) and in Leek Conservation Area. It is currently in employment use.

6.215 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

LE235 (Cornhill)

6.216 The development of new employment premises should have a significant positive effect upon the vitality and viability of the District, strengthen economic growth and support a higher level of employment within the District. Similarly, the proposed delivery of circa 244 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. The site's accessibility to services, facilities and open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site's partial location within a flood zone is likely to have a significant negative effect, as could its proximity to designated and historic assets. The site is indicated on the predictive map of Best and Most Versatile agricultural land as partly in an area where less than 20% of the land is likely to be BMV.

6.217 Site comprises land to the west of existing offices south of Leek on Cheddleton Road, which includes paddocks, some tree planting and a small farmstead adjacent to the northern boundary. The site is bound by a dismantled railway to the west, beyond which Barnfields Industrial Estate is located. The site is partially within flood zone 3; allocation of the site will require support of the Sequential Test and a level 2 SFRA.

6.218 The site was taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016, with a revised boundary to exclude areas within the flood zone.

6.219 The ecological appraisal of the Cornhill Economic Regeneration Scheme (October 2016)considered that the main areas of ecological interest are Birchall meadow and the immediately adjoining scrub / rank grassland, the railway corridor and the watercourse running along the southern boundary of the site. These areas are considered to provide the best habitat for bats, birds, badgers and, potentially, reptiles, as well as other flora and fauna. As much site habitat will be lost under the current development proposals, it is suggested that connecting habitat should be maintained as much as possible along the southern and western boundaries of the site (the watercourse and old railway line, respectively).

6.220 There are six Grade II Listed Buildings and one Conservation Area within the 400m buffer. The Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) considered that development would be highly unlikely to adversely affect the settings of the heritage assets due to intervening buildings and vegetation.

6.221 The site was considered by the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) to be of low landscape sensitivity. Initial Habitats Regulations Assessment Screening noted that new housing development in Leek could increase recreational pressure and air pollution effects (from increased road traffic) potentially resulting in impact on the Peak District Moors (South Pennine Moors Phase 1) SPA and South Pennine Moors SAC. This requires further investigation.

6.222 The site was proposed for inclusion in the July 2017 preferred option Local Plan.

Leek - sites outside current settlement boundary

LE066

6.223 The proposed delivery of circa 50 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site is located away from designated heritage assets and has good accessibility to services and facilities which is likely to have a positive effect. However, the ecological value of the site is likely to have a negative effect as well as the inaccessibility of existing areas of employment.

6.224 The site forms part of the setting of Knivedon Hall (not listed) and the significance of the Hall and its estate requires further assessment. The site lies partially within an area identified as being important to the landscape setting of the settlement and the potential landscape impact of development also requires further assessment.

6.225 The site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

6.226 However the site was put forward in representations made following the April 2016 public consultation. The site is located on the eastern edge of Leek, east of Mount Road. The site is previously developed, with the northern section comprising Kniveden Hall amongst woodland, and the southern half comprising a property and polytunnels / horticulture. There are no designated heritage assets within the 400m buffer.

6.227 The site was considered by the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) to be of high landscape sensitivity. The study found that the site is located beyond the ridge of Mount Road, which currently screens views of Leek from the PDNP. Existing development within the site is generally screened by the trees and other vegetation both within and surrounding the site. The woodland within the site also

provides screening of existing development within Leek. It was considered that development within the site would be visually prominent and could potentially affect the setting of the PDNP.

6.228 Initial Habitats Regulations Assessment Screening noted that new housing development in Leek could increase recreational pressure and air pollution effects (from increased road traffic) potentially resulting in impact on the Peak District Moors (South Pennine Moors Phase 1) SPA and South Pennine Moors SAC. This requires further investigation. There is an opportunity for contribution to the District's Green Infrastructure Network.

6.229 The site was proposed for inclusion in the July 2017 preferred option Local Plan, with an estimated yield of 74.

LE069

6.230 The proposed delivery of circa 42 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site has low ecological value and has good accessibility to services and facilities which is likely to have a positive effect. However, the proximity of the site to historic assets is likely to have a negative effect as well as the inaccessibility of existing areas of employment.

6.231 The potential landscape impact of development requires further assessment.

6.232 The site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

LE102

6.233 The proposed delivery of circa 20 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. However, the development of greenfield land where the site is indicated on the predictive map of Best and Most Versatile agricultural land as an area where 20 - 60% of the land is likely to be BMV could have a significant negative effect, as could the site's proximity to historic assets. Similarly, the site is relatively inaccessible to services, facilities and areas of existing employment, and has some ecological value which is likely to have a negative effect.

6.234 The site lies on raised ground marking the edge of the settlement. The potential landscape impact of development requires further assessment. There is an opportunity for contribution to the District's Green Infrastructure Network.

6.235 The site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

6.236 However the site was suggested in representations made during the April 2016 public consultation. The site is bounded by mature trees and is in an area not identified as being important landscape setting to settlement. Initial Habitats Regulations Assessment Screening noted that new housing development in Leek could increase recreational pressure and air pollution effects (from increased road traffic) potentially resulting in impact on the Peak District Moors (South Pennine Moors Phase 1) SPA and South Pennine Moors SAC. This requires further investigation.

6.237 The site was proposed for inclusion in the July 2017 preferred option Local Plan.

LE103

6.238 The proposed delivery of circa 20 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. However, the development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land would have a significant negative effect. Similarly, the site is relatively inaccessible to services, facilities and areas of existing employment and is adjacent to a listed building all of which is likely to have a negative effect. The site's location within flood zones 2 and 3 is also a significant negative effect.

6.239 Due to its location within flood zones 2 and 3 the site is likely to be severely impacted by flood risk, allocation of the site will require support of the Sequential Test and a level 2 SFRA.

6.240 The site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

LE127

6.241 The proposed delivery of circa 100 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site has low ecological value and has good accessibility to services and facilities which is likely to have a positive effect. However, the development of a mixed greenfield and brownfield site, where the site is indicated on the predictive map of Best and Most Versatile agricultural land as an area where less than 20% of the land is likely to be BMV, and the proximity of the site to historic assets is likely to have a negative effect as well as the inaccessibility of existing areas of employment.

6.242 Mount Road is located to the east of Leek, on a ridge that currently screens the majority of views of the settlement from the Peak District National Park (PDNP). The site comprises a large field on the south-eastern edge of Leek, enclosed by Mount Road to the south and east. The potential landscape impact of development requires further assessment. There is an opportunity for contribution to the District's Green Infrastructure Network.

6.243 The site was taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

6.244 The Extended Phase 1 Habitat Surveys and Local Wildlife Site Assessment (May 2017) considered that the site has low ecological value in its potential to support protected species. The site habitats are considered to be of nature conservation value at site level only. However, more information is required regarding the scattered trees on site in order to establish their ecological importance.

6.245 The site was considered by the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) which notes that there are five Grade II Listed Buildings within the 400m buffer. However due to the topography of the surrounding landscape as well as intervening buildings and vegetation, the report considered there would be no inter-visibility between the assets and the site and that development would be highly unlikely to adversely affect the setting of the assets.

6.246 The site was considered by the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) to be of high landscape sensitivity. The study found that the site is visually prominent, and development within it may affect the setting of the PDNP. Development of LE127 was also considered to have the potential to adversely affect the existing settlement edge and landscape character, including the rural approach to Leek.

6.247 Initial Habitats Regulations Assessment Screening noted that new housing development in Leek could increase recreational pressure and air pollution effects (from increased road traffic) potentially resulting in impact on the Peak District Moors (South Pennine Moors Phase 1) SPA and South Pennine Moors SAC. This requires further investigation.

6.248 The site was proposed for inclusion in the July 2017 preferred option Local Plan.

LE128a and LE128b

6.249 The proposed delivery of circa 95 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site has low ecological value and good accessibility to services and facilities which is likely to have a positive effect. However, the development of greenfield land, where the site is partly indicated on the predictive map of Best and Most Versatile agricultural land as an area where less than 20% of the land is likely to be BMV and the proximity of the site to historic assets is likely to have a negative effect as well as the inaccessibility of existing areas of employment.

6.250 The sites comprise the northern (LE128a) and southern (LE128b) half of a field which slopes up from the eastern edge of Leek to Mount Road. The potential landscape impact of development requires further assessment. There is an opportunity for contribution to the District's Green Infrastructure Network.

6.251 The northern section of the site only (LE128a) was taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016, with an estimated yield of 54. This area is indicated on the predictive map of Best and Most Versatile land as an urban / industrial area. LE128b is indicated on the predictive map of Best and Most Versatile agricultural land as within an area where less than 20% of the land is likely to be BMV.

6.252 The Council's 2015 Phase 1 ecological survey of LE128 considered the site to have mostly low biodiversity value overall as it consists solely of species poor improved grassland with one species poor hedgerow. The subsequent extended Phase 1 Habitat Surveys and Local Wildlife Site Assessment (May 2017) of LE128a considered that this area has low ecological value in its potential to support protected species. The site habitats are considered to be of nature conservation value at site level only. However, more information is required regarding the scattered trees on site in order to establish their ecological importance. A further survey of LE128b is required.

6.253 There is one Grade II Listed Building within the 400m buffer of LE128a and two Grade II Listed Buildings within the 400m buffer of LE128b. The sites were considered by the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) which notes that due to the topography of the surrounding landscape as well as intervening buildings and vegetation, there would be no inter-visibility between the assets and the sites. The study considered that setting does not extensively contribute to the significance of the assets and therefore that development would be highly unlikely to adversely affect the setting of the assets.

6.254 LE128a and b were considered by the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) to be of medium landscape sensitivity. The study found that the existing settlement edge is well-defined but urban, and only at a slightly lower elevation than the site, and so is visible across it. The study considered that the sites are currently screened from the National Park by the ridge of Mount Road, the existing tree

planting on Mount Road and the woodland surrounding Knivedon Hall. Site-specific landscape mitigation measures proposed included advanced planting and landscaping on the eastern boundary, and limited building heights in the eastern half of the sites.

6.255 Initial Habitats Regulations Assessment Screening noted that new housing development in Leek could increase recreational pressure and air pollution effects (from increased road traffic) potentially resulting in impact on the Peak District Moors (South Pennine Moors Phase 1) SPA and South Pennine Moors SAC. This requires further investigation.

6.256 Both LE128a and b were proposed for inclusion in the July 2017 preferred option Local Plan, with an estimated yield of 95.

LE140

6.257 The proposed delivery of circa 95 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site has low ecological value and good accessibility to services, facilities and areas of employment which is likely to have a positive effect. However, the development of greenfield land, where the site is indicated on the predictive map of Best and Most Versatile agricultural land as an urban / industrial area and the proximity of the site to historic assets is likely to have a negative effect.

6.258 Site comprises land sloping down from Mount Road to the settlement edge, and is enclosed by tree belts on the northern and western boundaries. There are also trees on the eastern boundary, however these are more sparse. The site lies within an area identified as being important to the landscape setting of the settlement and the potential landscape impact of development requires further assessment. There is an opportunity for contribution to the District's Green Infrastructure Network.

6.259 The site was taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

6.260 The Extended Phase 1 Habitat Surveys and Local Wildlife Site Assessment (May 2017) considered that the site has low ecological value in its potential to support protected species. The site habitats are considered to be of nature conservation value at local level only.

6.261 There are three Grade II Listed Buildings within the 400m buffer. The site was considered by the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) which notes that due to the topography of the surrounding landscape as well as intervening buildings and vegetation, there would be no inter-visibility between the assets and the site and the study considered that development would be highly unlikely to adversely affect the settings of the assets.

6.262 The site was considered by the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) to be of medium landscape sensitivity. The study found that the site slopes down from Mount Road and so views from the National Park are screened by the ridge and intervening vegetation on the site boundary and on the land on the opposite side of Mount Road (including the woodland surrounding Knivedon Hall). The study suggests that site-specific landscape mitigation measures could include advanced planting and landscaping on the eastern boundary, and limited building heights in the eastern half of the site.

6.263 Initial Habitats Regulations Assessment Screening noted that new housing development in Leek could increase recreational pressure and air pollution effects (from increased road traffic) potentially resulting in impact on the Peak District Moors (South Pennine Moors Phase 1) SPA and South Pennine Moors SAC. This requires further investigation.

6.264 The site was proposed for inclusion in the July 2017 preferred option Local Plan with an estimated yield of 70.

LE142A

6.265 The proposed delivery of circa 140 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site good accessibility to services, facilities and areas of employment which is likely to have a positive effect. However, the development of greenfield land, where the site is indicated on the predictive map of Best and Most Versatile agricultural land as an urban / industrial area, the ecological value of the site and the proximity to historic assets is likely to have a negative effect.

6.266 Site comprises land to the east of Mount Road, on the north-eastern edge of Leek. The site is visually prominent and visible from the National Park, as it is located atop of the ridge that screens views of Leek. The site lies within an area identified as being important to the landscape setting of the settlement and the potential landscape impact of development requires further assessment. There is an opportunity for contribution to the District's Green Infrastructure Network.

6.267 The site was taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

6.268 The Extended Phase 1 Habitat Surveys and Local Wildlife Site Assessment (May 2017) considered that the site has low ecological value in its potential to support protected species. The site habitats are considered to be of nature conservation value at site level only. However, more information is required regarding the potential for bats roosts on the site.

6.269 There are two Grade II Listed Buildings within the 400m buffer. The site was considered by the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) which notes that due to the topography of the surrounding landscape as well as intervening buildings and vegetation, there would be no inter-visibility between the assets and the site and considers that development would be highly unlikely to adversely affect the setting of the assets.

6.270 The site was considered by the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) to be of high landscape sensitivity. The study found that the site is visually prominent, and development within it may affect the setting of the National Park. The study considered that development of LE142a had the potential to adversely affect the existing settlement edge and landscape character, including the rural approach to Leek.

6.271 Initial Habitats Regulations Assessment Screening noted that new housing development in Leek could increase recreational pressure and air pollution effects (from increased road traffic) potentially resulting in impact on the Peak District Moors (South Pennine Moors Phase 1) SPA and South Pennine Moors SAC. This requires further investigation.

6.272 The site was proposed for inclusion in the July 2017 preferred option Local Plan with an amended site boundary to exclude land in the ownership of Leek Land Trust, estimated yield 29.

LE142B

6.273 The proposed delivery of circa 40 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site good accessibility to services, facilities and areas of employment which is likely to have a positive effect. However, the development of greenfield land, where the site is indicated on the predictive map of Best and Most Versatile agricultural land as an urban / industrial area, the ecological value of the site and the proximity to historic assets is likely to have a negative effect.

6.274 The site comprises an existing farmstead and paddocks, and the access track which extends north to Thorncliffe Road. The site lies within an area identified as being important to the landscape setting of the settlement and the potential landscape impact of development requires further assessment. There is an opportunity for contribution to the District's Green Infrastructure Network.

6.275 The site was taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

6.276 The Extended Phase 1 Habitat Surveys and Local Wildlife Site Assessment (May 2017) considered that the site has low ecological value in its potential to support protected species. The site habitats are considered to be of nature conservation value at site level only. However, more information is required regarding the scattered trees on site in order to establish their ecological importance.

6.277 There is one Grade II Listed Building within the 400m buffer. The site was considered by the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) which notes that due to the topography of the surrounding landscape as well as intervening buildings and vegetation, there would be no inter-visibility between the asset and the site and development would be highly unlikely to adversely affect the setting of the asset.

6.278 The site was considered by the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) to be of high landscape sensitivity. The study found that while existing development within the site does not contribute to a well-defined settlement edge, the existing development is located within the areas of the site with the lowest visual prominence and development across the entire site would likely be visible from the National Park and could affect its setting. The study found that the site is visually prominent and development may adversely affect landscape character, including the rural approach to Leek.

6.279 Initial Habitats Regulations Assessment Screening noted that new housing development in Leek could increase recreational pressure and air pollution effects (from increased road traffic) potentially resulting in impact on the Peak District Moors (South Pennine Moors Phase 1) SPA and South Pennine Moors SAC. This requires further investigation.

6.280 The site was proposed for inclusion in the July 2017 preferred option Local Plan.

LE143

6.281 The proposed delivery of circa 190 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. However, the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land, the proximity to historic assets is likely to have a negative effect as could the relative inaccessibility to services, facilities and areas of existing employment.

6.282 The site is in open countryside and forms part of the setting of the 16th century Edge End Farm (listed Grade II); the significance of the designated heritage asset and potential landscape impact of development, including on the Peak District National Park, require further assessment.

6.283 The site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

LE143A

6.284 The proposed delivery of circa 135 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. However, the site's proximity to historic assets is likely to have a significant negative effect. The development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land, the proximity to historic assets is likely to have a negative effect as could the relative inaccessibility to services, facilities and areas of existing employment.

6.285 The potential landscape impact of development, including on the Peak District National Park, requires further assessment.

6.286 The site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

LE253

6.287 The proposed delivery of circa 15 dwellings is considered to have a positive effect, as could the site's proximity to areas of existing employment. However, the site's proximity to historic assets is likely to have a significant negative effect. The development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land and the proximity to historic assets are likely to have a negative effect, as could the relative inaccessibility to services and facilities and the ecological value of the site.

6.288 The site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

Broad Area EM2 Leekbrook

6.289 The development of new employment premises should have a significant positive effect on the vitality and viability of the District, strengthen economic growth and support a higher level of employment within the District. The site's accessibility to open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is relatively inaccessible to services and facilities and the site is located within a flood zone which is likely to have a significant negative effect. The development of greenfield land where the site is indicated on the predictive map of Best and Most Versatile agricultural land as an area where 20 - 60% of the land is likely to be BMV is assessed as being a negative effect, as could the site's proximity to historic assets and a partial SBI designation.

6.290 The site is likely to be affected to some degree by flood risk; allocation of the site will require the support of the Sequential Test and a level 2 SFRA. The site lies in a valley with an existing industrial estate adjacent to the west. It comprises grassland, adjacent to a stream on the northern boundary, which gradually slopes up to woodland on the southern

boundary. The majority of the site is designated as part of Twinney Wood and Grassland Site of Biological Importance and is within 400m of Grade II * listed Fynneylane Farm. Further heritage and ecological impact assessment work is required.

6.291 The site was taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016, with a revised boundary to exclude areas within the flood zone.

6.292 The Extended Phase 1 Habitat Surveys and Local Wildlife Site Assessment (May 2017) considered that whilst a large proportion of the site has already been designated as part of the Twinney Wood and Grassland SBI, the remaining part of the site has low ecological value in its potential to support protected species. The site habitats are considered to be of nature conservation value at site level only. However, more information is required regarding the scattered trees on site in order to establish their ecological importance.

6.293 The site was considered by the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) which notes that due to the topography of the surrounding landscape and the dense screening of vegetation, there was no inter-visibility between the site and the heritage asset. Despite this, the site is part of the setting of the asset. The study found that the setting contributes to the significance of the heritage asset and it would be likely that development of the site would adversely affect its setting. Affects may be reduced if development was kept in the western half of the site so as to not infringe on the setting of the asset; an appropriate mitigation strategy should be required.

6.294 The site was considered by the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) to be of low landscape sensitivity. The study found that while the site is large and open, as it is enclosed by woodland and located at the bottom of a valley, it is considered to have low visual prominence. Further, the character of the site is affected by the adjacent industrial development, which is visually prominent from within the site.

6.295 Initial Habitats Regulations Assessment Screening noted that new development in Leek could increase recreational pressure and air pollution effects (from increased road traffic) potentially resulting in impact on the Peak District Moors (South Pennine Moors Phase 1) SPA and South Pennine Moors SAC. This requires further investigation.

6.296 The site was proposed for inclusion in the July 2017 preferred option Local Plan.

Leek - Additional Sites

ADD01 (East of Horsecroft Farm)

6.297 The proposed delivery of circa 15 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as could the site's proximity to areas of existing employment. The site's accessibility to areas of open space is considered to have a positive effect. However, the site's proximity to designated and historic assets is likely to have a negative effect, as could the development of greenfield land where the site is indicated on the predictive map of Best and Most Versatile agricultural land as partly within an area where 20 - 60% of the land is likely to be BMV, and the inaccessibility of services and facilities.

6.298 The site comprises a fenced section of a field sloping down from the northeastern edge of Leek, to the north-west of Churnet View Middle School. The site was taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

6.299 The Extended Phase 1 Habitat Surveys and Local Wildlife Site Assessment (May 2017) considered that species recorded on site are common and widespread both at a county and national level and it is considered unlikely that the site is important in maintaining any populations of notable or protected species. The majority of the site consists of improved grassland, this habitat is common and widespread both locally and throughout the UK and, as such, is considered to be of importance to nature conservation at site level only.

6.300 There are two Grade II Listed Buildings within the 400m buffer. The site was considered by the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) which notes that due to the topography and intervening buildings, development would be highly unlikely to adversely affect the assets. Outside of the 400m buffer, there is a Scheduled Monument to the north-west of the site. Due to the open topography, development could adversely affect its setting. Mitigation including the use of vegetation screening may reduce effects.

6.301 The site was considered by the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) to be of high landscape sensitivity. The study found that the site is semi-enclosed by vegetation on the settlement edge, however is open to the north-west. This allows long distance views and inter-visibility between the site and higher ground across the valley to the north-west. Currently the settlement edge is well-defined and vegetated, with views of existing development generally screened. In addition the settlement edge is currently located on a ridge, with development not extending beyond this ridge, however the site is located below this ridge. The study considered that development of the site would be visually prominent, and would encroach on the countryside by extending beyond this ridge. In addition the study noted that there would be no clear limit to development if the site were developed, potentially compromising the surrounding sensitive countryside.

6.302 Initial Habitats Regulations Assessment Screening noted that new housing development in Leek could increase recreational pressure and air pollution effects (from increased road traffic) potentially resulting in impact on the Peak District Moors (South Pennine Moors Phase 1) SPA and South Pennine Moors SAC. This requires further investigation.

6.303 The site was proposed for inclusion in the July 2017 preferred option Local Plan.

ADD09 (Leekbrook) (employment land allocation)

6.304 The development of new employment premises should have a significant positive effect on the vitality and viability of the District, strengthen economic growth and support a higher level of employment within the District. The site's accessibility to open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is relatively inaccessible to services and facilities which is likely to have a significant negative effect. The development of greenfield land where the site is indicated on the predictive map of Best and Most Versatile agricultural land as an area where 20 - 60% of the land is likely to be BMV is assessed as being a negative effect, as could the site's proximity to historic assets.

6.305 The site comprises a field that slopes steeply up from Basford Lane to woodland, which encloses the site to the west and south. The site is bound by commercial development on the A520 to the north. Consideration should be given to the adjacent woodland, which is designated as an SBI and carries Tree Preservation Orders.

6.306 The site was taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

6.307 The Extended Phase 1 Habitat Surveys and Local Wildlife Site Assessment (May 2017) considered that most of the site was comprised of improved grassland for pasture; this habitat is common and widespread both locally and throughout the UK and, as such, is considered to be of importance to nature conservation at site level only. However the hedgerow habitat on site was considered of nature conservation value at the local level. Species recorded on site were common and widespread both at a county and national level and it is considered unlikely that the site significantly supported any notable protected species.

6.308 There is one Grade II Listed Building within the 400m buffer. The site was considered by the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) which notes that due to the intervening industrial estate, development would not adversely affect the setting of the asset.

6.309 The site was considered by the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) to be of medium landscape sensitivity. The study found that the surrounding vegetation and development which encloses the site reduces visual prominence and development of the site would fit in well with the existing pattern of surrounding industrial / commercial development. Site-specific landscape mitigation measures could include restricted development and building heights on the higher ground.

6.310 Initial Habitats Regulations Assessment Screening noted that new development in Leek could increase recreational pressure and air pollution effects (from increased road traffic) potentially resulting in impact on the Peak District Moors (South Pennine Moors Phase 1) SPA and South Pennine Moors SAC. This requires further investigation.

6.311 The site was proposed for inclusion in the July 2017 preferred option Local Plan.

Additional sites appraised following April 2016 consultation

LE154 Adams Foods

6.312 The proposed delivery of circa 60 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as is avoidance of the loss of best and most versatile agricultural land and the edge of town centre location. However, the site's proximity to historic assets and mature woodland is likely to have a negative effect, as is the loss of potential employment use.

6.313 The site was not proposed for inclusion in the July 2017 preferred option Local Plan.

LE138 Land at Macclesfield Road

6.314 The proposed delivery of circa 25 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, the site's location outside flood zones 2 or 3 is also likely to lead to positive effects. However, the development of greenfield land indicated on the predictive map of Best and Most Versatile agricultural land as within an area where over 60% of the land is likely to be BMV, could have a significant negative effect. Similarly, the site is relatively inaccessible to services, facilities and areas of existing employment. New housing development in Leek could increase recreational pressure and air pollution effects (from increased road traffic) potentially resulting in impact on European sites. Further assessment is required to identify potential for ecological or landscape impacts.

6.315 The site was not proposed for inclusion in the July 2017 preferred option Local Plan.

Additional sites appraised following the July 2017 consultation

LE219 Eaton House - Residential / mixed use

6.316 The proposed delivery of circa 15 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space and the town centre with its range of services and facilities, including employment opportunities is likely to have a positive effect. As is the re-use of previously developed land and low biodiversity value of the site. However the proposed loss of all or some employment use of the site could be considered to have a negative effect on businesses and the residents of Leek as it could lead to loss of job opportunities, this is likely to have a negative effect, as is the site's proximity to heritage assets. An applicant should be required to provide an NPPF compliant heritage statement.

6.317 This site was not proposed to be taken forward as part of the Local Plan published for representations in February 2018.

Biddulph

Biddulph - Sites within current development boundary

BD004

6.318 The development of urban ALC land on a brownfield site is likely to have a significant positive effect, as could the site's proximity to existing areas of employment. The site should deliver a quantum of housing, circa 15 dwellings which is likely to have a positive effect. The site is located within the settlement boundary and has good accessibility to the services and facilities. However, its proximity to heritage assets would have a negative effect, as would the ecological value of the site.

6.319 Concerns expressed by the Highway Authority raise issues about the viability of developing this site independently.

6.320 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

BD016

6.321 The site should deliver a quantum of housing, circa 20 dwellings which is likely to have a significant positive effect, as could the location of the site with regard to its proximity to services and facilities and areas of existing employment as well as the positive effect on the landscape. The site is located within the settlement boundary and has good accessibility to health care services and facilities. However, its proximity to heritage assets would have a negative effect. The site is indicated on the predictive map of Best and Most Versatile agricultural land as urban / industrial.

6.322 The site comprises Beehive Farm and adjacent land, enclosed by Colliers Way to the west and Tunstall Road to the east. The site was taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

6.323 The site is located close to and / or adjoining existing areas of open space and green infrastructure. Suitable enhancements of existing open spaces and / or the provision of links may be required together with appropriate management via contribution to the Council's Green Infrastructure Network.

6.324 The Extended Phase 1 Habitat Surveys and Local Wildlife Site Assessment (May 2017) considered that the site has low ecological value in its potential to support protected species. The site habitats are considered to be of nature conservation value at site level only. However, more information is required regarding the scattered trees on site in order to establish their ecological importance.

6.325 There are seven Grade II Listed Buildings within the 400m buffer. The site was considered by the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) which notes that the church tower was visible from the site however due to the topography of the landscape, development would be unlikely to adversely affect its setting. Due to the large road junction and intervening buildings, development would be unlikely to cause high adverse effects to the settings of the remaining designated assets.

6.326 The site was considered by the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) to be of low landscape sensitivity. The study found that the existing development within the site does not contribute to a well-defined settlement edge, and therefore development of the site could strengthen the settlement edge.

6.327 The site was proposed for inclusion in the July 2017 preferred option Local Plan.

BD055

6.328 The site should deliver a quantum of housing, circa 20 dwellings which is likely to have a significant positive effect, as could the development of brownfield land indicated on the predictive map of Best and Most Versatile agricultural land as urban / industrial and proximity to services and facilities. However, the site's proximity to heritage assets is assessed as a significant negative. The site is located within the settlement boundary and has good accessibility to services and facilities and areas of existing employment. However, the site's ecological value would have a negative effect.

6.329 The site has a planning history. Application reference SMD/2015/0684 was withdrawn. Site comprises previously developed land (formerly a school) immediately west of the junction of St John's Road and Tunstall Road and within the southern part of the land enclosed by the dismantled railway and the A527. The site was taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016 as part of the Wharf Road site (Core Strategy Broad Area 4).

6.330 The Extended Phase 1 Habitat Surveys and Local Wildlife Site Assessment (May 2017) considered that the site habitats are considered to be of nature conservation value at site level only and are not eligible for possible SBI / BAS status. However, the building on site has the potential to support bats and as such, requires further assessment. The site was also noted as potentially supporting reptiles.

6.331 There are seven Grade II Listed Buildings within the 400m buffer. The site was considered by the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) which notes that development would be unlikely to cause high adverse effects to the settings of the assets, however, mitigation should include screening along the southern edge of the site to reduce effects.

6.332 The site was considered by the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) to be of low landscape sensitivity. The study found that re-development of the site could improve local landscape character.

6.333 The site was proposed for inclusion in the July 2017 preferred option Local Plan as part of the Wharf Road site (Broad Area 4).

BD059

6.334 The development of urban ALC brownfield land should have a significant positive effect, as should the preservation of the landscape and the site's proximity to existing areas of employment and services and facilities. The site is located within the settlement boundary, and away from historical assets. However, the site's ecological value would have a negative effect.

6.335 Since the site is within the current settlement boundary a development proposal could come forward at any time and consequently the site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

BD101 (Yarn Mill)

6.336 The development of brownfield land indicated on the predictive map of Best and Most Versatile agricultural land as urban / industrial should have a significant positive effect, as should the preservation of the landscape and the site's proximity to existing areas of employment and services and facilities and the delivery of circa 24 dwellings. The site is located within the settlement boundary, and away from historical assets. However, the site's ecological value could have a negative effect.

6.337 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

6.338 The site was suggested in representations made to the public consultation held in April 2016 and proposed for inclusion in the July 2017 preferred option Local Plan. Ecological assessment is required.

BD102 (Minster Mill)

6.339 The development of brownfield land indicated on the predictive map of Best and Most Versatile agricultural land as urban / industrial should have a significant positive effect, as should the preservation of the landscape and the site's proximity to existing areas of employment and services and facilities and the delivery of circa 42 dwellings. The site is located within the settlement boundary, and away from historical assets. However, the site's ecological value could have a negative effect.

6.340 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

6.341 The site was suggested in representations made to the public consultation held in April 2016 and proposed for inclusion in the July 2017 preferred option Local Plan. Ecological assessment is required.

BD108

6.342 The development of brownfield land indicated on the predictive map of Best and Most Versatile agricultural land as urban / industrial should have a significant positive effect, as should the preservation of the landscape and the site's proximity to services and facilities. However there is scope that development of this site could have significant negative effects on historical assets. Similarly, the site's ecological value would have a negative effect.

6.343 The site comprises previously developed land within the settlement, west of Tunstall Road and north of Roaches School and is the southern-most of the sites enclosed by the dismantled railway and the A527. The site was taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

6.344 The site is located close to and / or adjoining existing areas of open space and green infrastructure. Suitable enhancements of existing open spaces and / or the provision of links may be required together with appropriate management via contribution to the Council's Green Infrastructure Network.

6.345 The Extended Phase 1 Habitat Surveys and Local Wildlife Site Assessment (May 2017) considered that the site has low ecological value in its potential to support protected species. The site habitats are considered to be of nature conservation value at site level only. However, more information is required regarding the scattered trees on site in order to establish their ecological importance.

6.346 There are two Grade II Listed Buildings in the site and five additional Grade II Listed Buildings within the 400m buffer. The site was considered by the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) which notes that the site is small and development would highly likely cause substantial adverse effects to the settings of the assets in the site. To reduce effects, mitigation should include setting development back from the assets coupled with landscape master-planning to provide screening.

6.347 The site was considered by the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) to be of low landscape sensitivity. The study found that the site is set back from the road, with screening provided by the existing trees and vegetation on the road. Development within the site would not be visually prominent, and (in combination with development of the adjacent sites) could create a stronger settlement edge.

6.348 The site was proposed for inclusion in the July 2017 preferred option Local Plan as part of the Wharf Road site (Broad Area 4).

Biddulph - Urban Extension

BD071, BD071A, BD106 & BD156 (Core Strategy Broad Area 4)

6.349 The site's proximity to services, facilities and existing areas of employment and proposed delivery of circa 265 dwellings should have a significant positive effect. However there is scope that development of this site could have negative effects due to the site's ecological value and the development of greenfield land indicated on the predictive map of Best and Most Versatile agricultural land as an area where less than 20% of the land is likely to be BMV.

6.350 The area has been identified as an appropriate area for housing in the adopted Core Strategy (Area 4). The potential landscape impact of development requires further assessment.

6.351 The sites making up the Broad Area were taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

6.352 Sites BD071 and BD071a are the largest of the sites enclosed by the dismantled railway and the A527. The sites comprise Knypersley View Farm and the fields surrounding it, enclosed by the dismantled railway to the west and Colliers Way to the east. The site extends south, adjacent to the railway line, to Newpool Road where the access for the farm is located. Sites BD106 and BD156 are within the south of the land enclosed by the dismantled railway and the A527 and comprise an existing property (Levens), gardens and adjacent fields within the south-west of the settlement. The sites also include the existing access track, extending east from the property to Tunstall Road. Coal outcrops are probable within the Area.

6.353 The Council's Extended Phase 1 Habitat Survey (2014) highlights the presence of species rich hedgerows, dense willow scrub and tall ruderal vegetation which are connected to a series of other hedgerows and habitats and form an important potentially biodiverse habitat mosaic with good connectivity and making a valuable contribution to the Biddulph Corridor as set out in the District's Strategic Green Infrastructure Network.

6.354 The Extended Phase 1 Habitat Surveys and Local Wildlife Site Assessment (May 2017) considered that the broadleaf woodland of sites BD071 & BD071A may be of ecological value and may allow for the site to gain SBI / BAS status once the vegetation has been fully recorded and that the sites offer potential to support bats, reptiles and amphibians. The study considered the habitats of sites BD106 and BD156 to be of nature conservation value at site level only and not eligible for possible SBI / BAS status. However, the building and some trees on site have the potential to support bats and as such, requires further assessment. The sites were also noted as potentially supporting reptiles.

6.355 There are seven Grade II Listed Buildings within the 400m buffer of sites BD071 and BD071a. The sites were considered by the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) which notes that due to topography and surrounding vegetation, development would be unlikely to cause high adverse effects to the settings of the assets. Mitigation may include screening in the south-eastern part of the sites.

6.356 There are seven Grade II Listed Buildings within the 400m buffer of sites BD106 and BD156. The sites were considered by the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) which notes that development would be unlikely to cause high adverse effects to the settings of the assets. To reduce effects, mitigation should include setting development back from the assets by keeping development to the west and north of the sites as well as employing screening along the eastern edges.

6.357 The sites BD071 and BD071a were considered by the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) to be of medium landscape sensitivity. The study found that the topography within the site is undulating, and so visual prominence of the site varies. The southern extent of the site is generally screened by surrounding vegetation. Visual prominence is higher in the north of the site, where the land rises up to a ridge. Site-specific landscape mitigation measures could include additional advanced planting on the ridge and western boundary.

6.358 The sites BD106 and BD156 were considered by the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) to be of low landscape sensitivity. The study found that the sites were set back from the road and well screened by intervening vegetation and existing development. It was considered that development within the sites would not be visually prominent, and (in combination with development of the adjacent sites) could create a stronger settlement edge.

6.359 A comprehensive masterplan should be prepared for the Broad Area to take account of its ecological value, the need to maintain linear habitat connectivity along the stream, demonstrating how development is contributing to the priorities and actions proposed for the Biddulph corridor (as set out in the Green Infrastructure Strategy) including providing access to the Biddulph Valley Way; the masterplan should also address landscape and heritage impact mitigation measures and respond to the presence of any shallow mine workings.

6.360 The overall Core Strategy Broad Area 4 was proposed for inclusion in the July 2017 preferred option Local Plan - to be known as Wharf Road.

Biddulph - Other uses

BD117

6.361 The development of new employment premises should have a significant positive effect on the vitality and viability of the District, strengthen economic growth and support a higher level of employment within the District. However, the greenfield nature of this site (largely indicated on the predictive map of Best and Most Versatile agricultural land as urban / industrial, but partly as an area where less than 20% of the land is likely to be BMV) and its location outside of the settlement boundary, coupled with its ecological value could have a negative effect.

6.362 This is a large site comprising fields on the southern edge of Biddulph, east of the A527 (Tunstall Road); south of Victoria Row; and north and west of Mill Hayes Road. Residential properties and a smallholding are located on the A527 and are enclosed by the site.

6.363 The Council's Green Belt review has recommended considering this site for release from the Green Belt if exceptional circumstances are demonstrated. The potential landscape impact of development requires further assessment. There are no designated heritage assets within the 400m buffer.

6.364 This site was taken forward as a preferred option (housing / employment mixed-use) for consultation in April 2016.

6.365 The Extended Phase 1 Habitat Surveys and Local Wildlife Site Assessment (May 2017) considered that the site has some ecological value in its potential to support protected species. The site habitats are considered to be of nature conservation value at site level only. However, more information is required regarding the scattered trees on site in order to establish their ecological importance.

6.366 The Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) considered the landscape sensitivity of the site to be low in the south-west, increasing to the north-east corner of the site where sensitivity was considered to be highest. The study found that the site is large and open with high visual prominence, particularly in the north and east of the site, with long distance views available from the footpath on the northern boundary. Visual prominence is lower in the south-west of the site, south of the existing properties on the A527, where the land is enclosed by trees and hedgerows. Site-specific landscape mitigation measures could include planting within and on the edges of the development, and limits on building sizes and scale.

6.367 The site was proposed for inclusion in the July 2017 preferred option Local Plan for residential use.

BD076

6.368 The proposed delivery of a town centre employment site is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services, facilities and areas of existing employment is likely to have a positive effect. There are no designated heritage assets within the 400m buffer. The site is indicated on the predictive map of Best and Most Versatile agricultural land as within an area where less than 20% of the land is likely to be BMV.

6.369 BD076 is within the north of the land enclosed by the dismantled railway and the A527. The site comprises the northern sections of two fields, the remainder of which are located in site BD071 and BD071a to the south. The site is enclosed by the dismantled railway (Biddulph Valley Way) to the west and previously developed land (BD076a) to the north. The site is allocated for retail / employment use in the Biddulph Town Centre Area Action Plan.

6.370 This site was taken forward with BD076A as a preferred option (employment / retail) for consultation in April 2016.

6.371 The site has a culverted watercourse flowing beneath it which should be re-naturalised through redevelopment. It may be possible to divert the channel round the edge of the site to maximise developable space. The site is included within an area constituting potentially biodiverse habitat mosaic with good connectivity and making a valuable contribution to the Biddulph Corridor as set out in the District's Strategic Green Infrastructure Network. Coal outcrops are probable.

6.372 The Extended Phase 1 Habitat Surveys and Local Wildlife Site Assessment (May 2017) considered that the site has medium ecological value in its potential to support protected species. The site habitats are considered to be of nature conservation value at local and site level. However, more information is required regarding the species rich hedgerow and the presence/absence of reptiles on the site.

6.373 The site was considered by the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) to be of medium landscape sensitivity. The study found that land within the site slopes up to a ridge with an approximate north - south orientation in the centre of the site. Development on the ridge within the site could be visually prominent, particularly from the countryside to the west of Biddulph. Site-specific landscape mitigation measures could include additional advanced planting on the ridge and western boundary.

6.374 A comprehensive masterplan should be prepared for the wider area of potential allocation that the site contributes to, to take account of its ecological value, the need to maintain linear habitat connectivity, including to re-naturalise the water course, demonstrating how development is contributing to the priorities and actions proposed for the Biddulph corridor (as set out in the Green Infrastructure Strategy) including providing access to the Biddulph Valley Way; the masterplan should also address landscape impact mitigation measures and include a response to the presence of any shallow mine workings.

6.375 The site was proposed for inclusion with BD076A as an employment / retail allocation in the July 2017 preferred option Local Plan.

BD076A

6.376 The development of new employment premises should have a significant positive effect on the vitality and viability of the District, strengthen economic growth and support a higher level of employment within the District. Similarly, the site is located within settlement boundary and should have good access to services and facilities which is likely to also have a significant positive effect. However the site has been assessed as having ecological value which is likely to have a negative effect. The site is indicated on the predictive map of Best and Most Versatile agricultural land as within an area where less than 20% of the land is likely to be BMV.

6.377 BD076a is the northern-most of the sites enclosed by the dismantled railway and the A527. The site comprises previously developed land, including an existing depot, on the western edge of Biddulph. The site was taken forward with BD076 as a preferred option (employment / retail) for consultation in April 2016.

6.378 The Extended Phase 1 Habitat Surveys and Local Wildlife Site Assessment (May 2017) considered that the site has some ecological value in its potential to support protected species. The site habitats are considered to be of nature conservation value at local level only. However, further investigation of the presence or absence of reptiles on the site is needed.

6.379 There are no designated heritage assets within the 400m buffer. The site is included within an area constituting potentially biodiverse habitat mosaic with good connectivity and making a valuable contribution to the Biddulph Corridor as set out in the District's Strategic Green Infrastructure Network. Coal outcrops are probable. Contamination issues are possible as this site is believed to be located above an historic landfill site.

6.380 The site was considered by the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) to be of low landscape sensitivity. The study found that existing development within the north of the site is generally screened by the vegetation that encloses it. However, views from Colliers Way are available. In addition, limited views are available through gaps in vegetation on Wharf Road and the Biddulph Valley Way. The study considered that re-development of the site could improve local landscape character.

6.381 A comprehensive masterplan should be prepared for the wider area of potential allocation that the site contributes to, to take account of its ecological value, the need to maintain linear habitat connectivity, demonstrating how development is contributing to the priorities and actions proposed for the Biddulph corridor (as set out in the Green Infrastructure Strategy) including providing access to the Biddulph Valley Way; the masterplan should also include landscape impact mitigation measures and a response to the presence of any shallow mine workings.

6.382 The site was proposed for inclusion with BD076 as an employment / retail allocation in the July 2017 preferred option Local Plan.

Biddulph - Sites within existing Green Belt

BD062

6.383 The proposed delivery of circa 40 dwellings should have a significant positive effect. The site is also accessible to existing services, facilities and areas of employment which is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site's ecological importance due to the potential

for protected species to be present and its connection to the wider countryside are considered to have a significant negative effect. Similarly, the development of greenfield land (indicated on the predictive map of Best and Most Versatile agricultural land as urban / industrial) and the site's proximity to historic assets are also assessed as having a negative effect.

6.384 Site is located within the north of Biddulph, east of the dismantled railway line (Biddulph Valley Way), and comprises an area of rough grassland and scrub. The site is enclosed by residential development to the south and west, and a sewage treatment works to the north-east, resulting in low visual prominence.

6.385 The Extended Phase 1 Habitat Surveys and Local Wildlife Site Assessment (May 2017) considered that the species poor semi improved grassland, scattered scrub, dense scrub, tall ruderal vegetation are common and widespread habitats both locally and nationally and are not listed as important habitats in the Staffordshire SBI guidelines. Assessment of the two trees for their potential to support roosting bats and a reptile survey are required.

6.386 The Council's Green Belt review has recommended considering this site for release from the Green Belt if exceptional circumstances can be demonstrated. The potential landscape and ecological impacts of development require further assessment.

6.387 This site was taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

6.388 There are three Grade II Listed Buildings within the 400m buffer. The site was considered by the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) which notes that it is enclosed by surrounding vegetation and that there is no inter-visibility between the site and the assets; development was considered highly unlikely to adversely affect the settings of the assets.

6.389 The site was considered by the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) to be of low landscape sensitivity. Although the adjacent settlement edge is well-defined, it is urban in character to the south of the site. The study found that existing vegetation on the north-eastern site boundaries would form a vegetated settlement edge, and considered that this vegetation should be retained and strengthened where necessary.

6.390 The site is adjacent to United Utilities water treatment works - master-planning may be required in order to mitigate the risk of odour and noise nuisance. The Council's 2015 Phase 1 habitat survey noted that the site has potential for protected species to be present due to the mosaic of habitats and habitat structure present, especially as the site is well connected to the wider countryside. Any masterplan should also demonstrate how a development scheme will address the site's potential ecological value and contribute to the priorities and actions proposed for the Biddulph strategic GI corridor (as set out in the Green Infrastructure Strategy), including by supporting public access on to the Biddulph Valley Way.

6.391 The site was not proposed for inclusion in the July 2017 preferred option Local Plan.

BD063A

6.392 The proposed delivery of circa 120 dwellings should have a significant positive effect. The site is also accessible to existing services, facilities and areas of employment which is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site's ecological value is considered

to have a negative effect. Similarly, the development of greenfield land (indicated on the predictive map of Best and Most Versatile agricultural land as urban / industrial) and the site's proximity to historic assets are also assessed as having a negative effect.

6.393 The potential landscape and heritage impacts of development require further assessment.

6.394 The Council's Green Belt review has recommended considering a smaller variant of this site for release from the Green Belt if exceptional circumstances can be demonstrated. The capacity of the site was reduced from 120 to 40 to reflect the results of the Green Belt review and this revised site was taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

6.395 The site is located north of Newpool road, and comprises a single field that slopes down from the farm track on the western boundary, to the residential development which encloses the site. The site has low visual prominence due to its topography, and screening provided by the adjacent development and a hedgerow on the western boundary.

6.396 The Extended Phase 1 Habitat Surveys and Local Wildlife Site Assessment (May 2017) considered the site habitats to be of nature conservation value at site level only and not eligible for possible SBI / BAS status. However two trees on site have the potential to support bats and as such, require further assessment.

6.397 There are seven Grade II Listed Buildings within the 400m buffer. The site was considered by the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) which notes that the site is set behind existing development and development on the site would be highly unlikely to adversely affect the settings of the heritage assets.

6.398 The site was considered by the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) to be of low landscape sensitivity. The study found that the linear development on Meadowside does not contribute to a well-defined settlement edge, and development of the site could strengthen the settlement edge, it was recommended that the hedgerow on the western boundary should be retained in order to maintain low visual prominence, and a vegetated edge.

6.399 The site was not proposed for inclusion in the July 2017 preferred option Local Plan.

BD064

6.400 The site is accessible to existing services, facilities and areas of employment which is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site's ecological value is considered to have a negative effect. Similarly, the development of greenfield land, grade 4 ALC and the site's proximity to historic assets and the ecological status of the site are also assessed as having a negative effect.

6.401 The Council's Green Belt review has not recommended that this site is suitable to consider for release from the Green Belt.

6.402 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

BD067A

6.403 The proposed delivery of circa 120 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. The site is accessible to existing services, facilities and areas of employment and located away from historic assets is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site's ecological value is considered to have a negative effect. Similarly, the development of greenfield land, grade 4 ALC is also assessed as having a negative effect.

6.404 The site has a culverted watercourse flowing beneath it which should be re-naturalised through re-development. The Council's Green Belt review has recommended that this site is not released from the Green Belt.

6.405 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

BD067B

6.406 The proposed delivery of circa 150 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. The site is accessible to existing services, facilities and areas of employment is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site's ecological value is considered to have a negative effect. Similarly, the development of greenfield land, grade 4 ALC and the site's proximity to heritage assets is also assessed as having a negative effect.

6.407 The site has a culverted watercourse flowing beneath it which should be re-naturalised through re-development. The Council's Green Belt review has recommended that this site is not released from the Green Belt. This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

BD067C

6.408 The proposed delivery of circa 120 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. The site is accessible to existing services, facilities and areas of employment is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site's ecological value is considered to have a negative effect. Similarly, the development of greenfield land, grade 4 ALC and the site's proximity to heritage assets is also assessed as having a negative effect.

6.409 The Council's Green Belt review has recommended that this site is not released from the Green Belt. This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

BD068

6.410 The proposed delivery of circa 70 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as could the site's proximity to existing areas of employment. The site is also accessible to existing services and facilities which is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is partly located within a flood zone which is likely to have a significant negative effect. Similarly, the ecological value is considered to have a negative effect, as could the development of greenfield land (indicated on the predictive map of Best and Most Versatile agricultural land as urban / industrial) and the site's proximity to heritage assets is also assessed as having a negative effect.

6.411 Site is located within the north of Biddulph, south of Marshgreen Road. The site comprises fields enclosed by residential development to the north, east and south; and sewage treatment works to the west. The site is likely to be affected to some degree by flood risk; allocation will require the support of the Sequential Test and a level 2 SFRA.

6.412 The Council's Green Belt review has recommended considering this site for release from the Green Belt if exceptional circumstances can be demonstrated. The potential landscape, heritage and ecological impacts of development require further assessment.

6.413 The site was taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

6.414 The Extended Phase 1 Habitat Surveys and Local Wildlife Site Assessment (May 2017) considered the site habitats to be of nature conservation value at site level only and not eligible for possible SBI / BAS status. However the tree on site has the potential to support bats and as such requires further assessment. The site was also noted as potentially supporting reptiles.

6.415 The site was considered by the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) to be of low landscape sensitivity. The study found that the site is elevated above Marshgreen Road, however it is at a similar level to the adjacent residential development on Portland Drive, and has low visual prominence due to screening provided by the surrounding development and vegetation, particularly trees surrounding the sewage works. The site was considered to form a gap in development, and therefore to fit well within the existing settlement form.

6.416 There is one Grade II* and eight Grade II Listed Buildings, and a Registered Park and Garden which is also a Conservation Area within the 400m buffer. The site was considered by the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) which notes that there was no public access on to the site which is elevated above Marshgreen Road, and it is at a similar level to the adjacent residential development on Portland Drive. Development would be unlikely to cause high adverse effects to the settings of the heritage assets as development would be seen in context of the existing housing estate.

6.417 The site is adjacent to United Utilities water treatment works - master-planning may be required in order to mitigate the risk of odour and noise nuisance. Any masterplan should also demonstrate how a development scheme will address potential ecological value, contribute to the priorities and actions proposed for the Biddulph strategic GI corridor (as set out in the Green Infrastructure Strategy), including by supporting public access on to the Biddulph Valley Way and use of natural drainage to help manage surface water.

6.418 The site boundary requires amendment to exclude land within Flood Zone 2. The site was not proposed for inclusion in the July 2017 preferred option Local Plan.

BD069

6.419 The proposed delivery of circa 30 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. The site is also accessible to existing employment areas which is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site's proximity to historic assets is assessed as having a significant negative effect. The development of greenfield land indicated on the predictive map of Best and Most Versatile agricultural land as within an area where 20 - 60% of the land is likely to be BMV is also assessed as having a negative effect.

6.420 The site formerly served as the kitchen gardens to Knypersley Hall (Listed Grade II*). The site is currently overgrown, however important features including protected trees and remnants of the original garden wall are present. Heritage impact assessment is required.

6.421 This site was taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

6.422 The Extended Phase 1 Habitat Surveys and Local Wildlife Site Assessment (May 2017) considered that the broadleaf woodland may be of ecological value and may allow for the site to gain SBI / BAS status once the vegetation has been fully recorded. Furthermore the site offers potential to support bats, reptiles and amphibians.

6.423 There is one Grade II* and one Grade II Listed Building within close proximity to the site. The site was considered by the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) which notes that the site contributes greatly to the setting of the Grade II* as a walled garden to the hall, which in turn, contributes to the overall significance of the asset. Development on the site was considered highly likely to cause considerable adverse effects to the setting of the Grade II* Listed Building which would impact upon its overall significance. Further assessment may be required to demonstrate that a development can be brought forward in line with planning policy.

6.424 The site was considered by the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) to be of medium landscape sensitivity. The study found that development of the site could improve local landscape character through the removal of derelict buildings, the existing metal fencing and scrub. Site-specific landscape mitigation measures could include ensuring development is sympathetic to its original use and in keeping with the character of the adjacent cottages.

6.425 The site was not proposed for inclusion in the July 2017 preferred option Local Plan.

BD083

6.426 The proposed delivery of circa 40 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as could the site's proximity to areas of existing employment. The site is also accessible to existing services and facilities which is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is partly located within a flood zone which is likely to have a significant negative effect. The development of greenfield land, grade 4 ALC and the site's proximity to heritage assets and an LNR are assessed as having a negative effect.

6.427 The site is likely to be affected to some degree by flood risk; allocation will require the support of the Sequential Test and a level 2 SFRA. The Council's Green Belt review has recommended that this site is not released from the Green Belt.

6.428 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

BD087

6.429 The proposed delivery of circa 25 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as could the site's proximity to existing areas of employment. The site is also accessible to existing services and facilities which is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is partly located within a flood zone which is likely to have a significant negative effect. The development of greenfield land (indicated on the predictive map of Best and Most Versatile agricultural land as urban / industrial) and the site's proximity to heritage assets and an LNR is likely to have a negative effect, as could the site's ecological value.

6.430 The site comprises land to rear of linear development on the A527, to the north of the settlement. It is likely to be affected to some degree by flood risk; allocation will require the support of the Sequential Test and a level 2 SFRA. The Council's Green Belt review has recommended that the site is considered for release from the Green Belt if exceptional circumstances can be demonstrated.

6.431 This site was taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

6.432 The Extended Phase 1 Habitat Surveys and Local Wildlife Site Assessment (May 2017) considered that the site has low ecological value in its potential to support protected species. The site habitats are considered to be of nature conservation value at site level only. However more information is required regarding the presence or absence of reptiles on site.

6.433 The site was considered by the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) to be of low landscape sensitivity. The study found that the site slopes down from linear development on the A527 towards Biddulph Brook (located to the west of the site), and is visible from the opposite side of the valley. However, it was considered that development within the site would be partially screened by trees along Biddulph Brook and would be viewed against the context of the existing development.

6.434 There are three Grade II* and 21 Grade II Listed Buildings, one Scheduled Monument, and a Registered Park and Garden which is also a Conservation Area within the 400m buffer. The site was considered by the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) which notes that whilst the tower of the Grade II* listed church was visible from the site - development would be highly unlikely to adversely affect the setting of the asset. Also, due to the intervening buildings and vegetation, development would be unlikely to cause high adverse effects to the understanding of the Registered Park and Garden and Conservation Area.

6.435 The site boundary requires amendment to exclude land within the floodplain, this is likely to reduce site yield.

6.436 The site is close to United Utilities water treatment works - master-planning may be required in order to mitigate the risk of odour and noise nuisance. Any masterplan should also demonstrate how a development scheme will contribute to the priorities and actions proposed for the Biddulph strategic GI corridor (as set out in the Green Infrastructure Strategy), including by supporting public access on to the Biddulph Valley Way and should take account of potential ecological value.

6.437 The site was not proposed for inclusion in the July 2017 preferred option Local Plan.

BD109 and BD118

6.438 The proposed delivery of circa 26 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. The site is also accessible to existing services, facilities and areas of existing employment as well as being located away from historic assets and a SSSI and LNR, as well as the site's low ecological value is likely to have a positive effect. However, the development of greenfield is assessed as having a negative effect.

6.439 The Council's Green Belt review has recommended that these sites are not released from the Green Belt. These sites were not taken forward as preferred options for consultation in April 2016.

BD110

6.440 The proposed delivery of circa 50 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. The site is also accessible to existing services, facilities and areas of existing employment as well as being located away from historic assets and a SSSI and LNR, as well as the site's low ecological value is likely to have a positive effect. However, the development of greenfield land is assessed as having a negative effect.

6.441 The Council's Green Belt review has recommended that this site is not released from the Green Belt. This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

BD131B

6.442 The proposed delivery of circa 80 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as could the site's proximity to existing areas of employment. The site is also accessible to existing services and facilities which is likely to have a positive effect. The development of greenfield land is assessed as having a negative effect, as could the site's proximity to historic assets.

6.443 The Council's Green Belt review has recommended considering this site for release from the Green Belt if exceptional circumstances can be demonstrated. It is understood that this site is not currently available.

6.444 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

BD134

6.445 The proposed delivery of circa 40 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. The site is also accessible to existing services, facilities and existing areas of employment is likely to have a positive effect, as could its distance away from historic assets. However, the development of greenfield land, grade 4 ALC is assessed as having a negative effect, as could the ecological value of the site.

6.446 The Council's Green Belt review has recommended that this site is not released from the Green Belt. This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

BD138A

6.447 The proposed delivery of circa 90 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as could the site's proximity to existing areas of employment. The site is also accessible to existing services and facilities is likely to have a positive effect, as could its low biodiversity value of the site. However, the development of greenfield land, grade 4 ALC is assessed as having a negative effect, as could the site's location near to historic assets.

6.448 The site lies within the area considered as important landscape setting to settlement. The Council's Green Belt review has recommended that this site is not released from the Green Belt.

6.449 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

BD138B

6.450 The proposed delivery of circa 76 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as could the site's proximity to existing areas of employment. The site is also accessible to existing services and facilities is likely to have a positive effect. However, the development of greenfield land, grade 4 ALC is assessed as having a negative effect, as could the site's location near to historic assets and the ecological value of the site.

6.451 The site lies within the area considered as important landscape setting to settlement. The Council's Green Belt review has recommended that this site is not released from the Green Belt.

6.452 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

BD144

6.453 The proposed delivery of circa 80 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. The site is also accessible to existing services, facilities and existing areas of employment is likely to have a positive effect, as could the site's distance away from historic assets. However, the development of greenfield land is assessed as having a negative effect, as could the site's ecological value.

6.454 The Council's Green Belt review has not recommended releasing this site from the Green Belt. This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

Biddulph - Additional sites

ADD02

6.455 The proposed delivery of circa 159 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as could the site's proximity to areas of existing employment. The site's location away from designated and historic assets is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site's inaccessibility to services and facilities is likely to have a negative effect, as could the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land.

6.456 The Council's Green Belt review has not recommended releasing this site from the Green Belt. This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

ADD03

6.457 The proposed delivery of circa 372 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. The site's location away from designated assets is likely to have a positive effect, as could the site's accessibility to services, facilities and areas of existing employment. However, the site's proximity to historic assets is likely to have a significant negative effect. The development of greenfield land indicated on the predictive map of Best and Most Versatile agricultural land as largely within an area where 20 - 60% of the land is likely to be BMV is considered to have a negative effect.

6.458 This is a large site on the western edge of Biddulph, comprising agricultural land and two farmsteads (Moodystreet Farm and Hollylane) and sheds, enclosed by Akesmoor Lane to the west. According to information held by the Environment Agency, this site is located above historic landfill sites.

6.459 The Council's Green Belt review has recommended considering this site for release from the Green Belt if exceptional circumstances can be demonstrated. The potential landscape impacts of development require further assessment.

6.460 This site was taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

6.461 The Extended Phase 1 Habitat Surveys and Local Wildlife Site Assessment (May 2017) considered that the habitats on site were considered to be of nature conservation value at the site level only and are not listed as an important habitat in the Staffordshire SBI guidelines. However further surveys are recommended of the semi-natural broadleaved woodland present along the brook as this could qualify as an SBI under the Staffordshire guidelines. Species recorded on site were common and widespread both at a county and national level and it is considered unlikely that the site significantly supported any notable protected species.

6.462 There is one Grade II Listed Building within the site. The site was considered by the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) which notes that the setting of the asset contributes to the overall significance of it and would need special regard for its preservation. It was considered that development would be highly likely to cause adverse effects to its setting and that any development should be restricted to the southern part of the site only with mitigation measures including the use of vegetation screening.

6.463 The site was considered by the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) to be of high landscape sensitivity. The study found that the site is located beyond the dismantled railway (Biddulph Valley Way) which currently forms a strong, vegetated settlement edge and limit to development and that the site is inter-visible with the Green Belt to the west. It was considered that development within the site could encroach on the surrounding countryside, and adversely affect the existing settlement edge. Development of the site could potentially compromise the surrounding sensitive countryside, as there would be no clear limit to development beyond the site.

6.464 Masterplanning should be used to demonstrate how a development scheme could be accommodated in the light of heritage and landscape impacts identified and to contribute to the priorities and actions proposed for the Biddulph strategic GI corridor (as set out in the Green Infrastructure Strategy), including by supporting public access on to the Biddulph Valley Way. A masterplan should also take account of the potential ecological value of the site.

6.465 The site was not proposed for inclusion in the July 2017 preferred option Local Plan.

ADD04

6.466 The proposed delivery of circa 1,070 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as could the site's proximity to areas of existing employment. However, the site's proximity to historic assets is likely to have a significant negative effect. The development of greenfield land indicated on the predictive map of Best and Most Versatile agricultural land as partly within an area where 20 - 60% of the land is likely to be BMV is assessed as having a negative effect.

6.467 The site is adjacent to Knypersley Hall (Grade II* Listed). The site comprises land to the west and south of Knypersley Hall, including a large, open field which slopes down from the hall in the north of the site, and more undulating land in the south of the site

containing a pond and scattered trees. The southern part of the site is adjacent to a Local Geological / Geomorphological Site (LoGS). The presence of school playing fields and other recreational features would need to be addressed. Heritage and landscape impact assessments are required.

6.468 The Council's Green Belt review has recommended considering this site for release from the Green Belt if exceptional circumstances can be demonstrated.

6.469 This site was taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

6.470 The Extended Phase 1 Habitat Surveys and Local Wildlife Site Assessment (May 2017) considered that the improved grassland and species-poor hedgerow habitats on site were of nature conservation value at the site level only. Species recorded on site were common and widespread both at a county and national level. However scattered mature trees in the northern area of the site, as well as pond 1, may qualify for SBI or BAS status dependent on further survey. The trees should be further assessed to determine whether they may be considered 'veteran'. Assessment is required to determine the presence or absence of bats roosts and the pond should be surveyed for newts.

6.471 The site was considered by the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) to be of high landscape sensitivity. The study found that the site is separated from the settlement edge by Knypersley Hall and agricultural land to the north. It was considered that development of the site could adversely affect the existing settlement form, particularly in the southern extent of the site; and that the northern section of the site has high visual prominence, particularly when viewed from Tunstall Road.

6.472 There is one Grade II* and one Grade II Listed Building within close proximity to the site. The site was considered by the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) which considered that the site could not be developed without substantial heritage impacts that could not be reasonably mitigated. The study found that the site contributes greatly to the setting of the Grade II* as a remnant of the parkland, which in turn, contributes to the overall significance of the asset. It was considered that development on the site would highly likely cause substantial adverse effects to the setting of the Grade II* Listed Building which would impact upon its overall significance.

6.473 The site was not proposed for inclusion in the July 2017 preferred option Local Plan.

Additional sites appraised following April 2016 consultation

BD143 ("Victoria Colliery"; west of Victoria Business Park)

6.474 The proposed delivery of circa 100 dwellings should have a significant positive effect. The site is also accessible to areas of employment which is likely to have a positive effect. However, the greenfield nature of this site and its location outside of the settlement boundary, coupled with its potential ecological value and relationship to the Biddulph Valley Way could have a negative effect. The development of land indicated on the predictive map of Best and Most Versatile agricultural land as within an area where 20 - 60% of the land is likely to be BMV is also assessed as having a negative effect.

6.475 The Council's Green Belt review has recommended considering this site for release from the Green Belt if exceptional circumstances can be demonstrated. Landscape and heritage assessments are required.

6.476 The site was not proposed for inclusion in the July 2017 version preferred option Local Plan.

Land at BD116 and a small part of BD140 (Land west of BVW and east of Woodside Farm)

6.477 The site's proximity to services, facilities and existing areas of employment and proposed delivery of circa 170 dwellings should have a significant positive effect. However there is scope that development of this site could have negative effects due to the site's potential ecological value, its contribution to the Biddulph Valley Way and impacts on landscape character. The development of greenfield land indicated on the predictive map of Best and Most Versatile agricultural land as within an area where less than 20% of the land is likely to be BMV is assessed as having a negative effect.

6.478 The Council's Green Belt review has recommended considering this site for release from the Green Belt if exceptional circumstances can be demonstrated. Landscape and heritage assessments are required.

6.479 There are potential mining legacy issues as the land has previously been used for open cast mining. Masterplanning should be used to demonstrate how a development scheme could contribute to the priorities and actions proposed for the Biddulph strategic GI corridor (as set out in the Green Infrastructure Strategy), including by supporting public access on to the Biddulph Valley Way.

6.480 The site was proposed for inclusion in the July 2017 preferred option Local Plan as part of the Wharf Road site (Broad Area 4).

BD011 (Land at rear Meadowstile Caravan Park)

6.481 The proposed delivery of circa 80 dwellings should have a significant positive effect. The site is also accessible to areas of employment which is likely to have a positive effect. However, the greenfield nature of this site indicated on the predictive map of Best and Most Versatile agricultural land as within an area where 20 - 60% of the land is likely to be BMV and its location outside of the settlement boundary, coupled with its potential ecological value could have a negative effect.

6.482 Landscape and heritage assessments are required.

6.483 The site was not proposed for inclusion in the July 2017 version preferred option Local Plan.

BD138c (Marsh Green Nursery)

6.484 The proposed delivery of circa 85 dwellings should have a significant positive effect. The site is also accessible to existing services, facilities and areas of employment which is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site's location in the wider countryside and important landscape setting to the settlement are considered to have a significant negative effect. The site is within land indicated on the predictive map of Best and Most Versatile agricultural land as urban / industrial.

6.485 The Council's Green Belt review recommended the site could be considered for release under Exceptional Circumstances. Landscape and heritage assessments are required.

6.486 The site was not proposed for inclusion in the July 2017 version preferred option Local Plan.

BD104 (Land between Meadows Way and Tunstall Road)

6.487 The site should deliver a quantum of housing, circa 10 dwellings which is likely to have a significant positive effect, as could the location of the site with regard to its proximity to services and facilities and areas of existing employment as well as the positive effect on the landscape. The site is located within the settlement boundary and has good accessibility to health care services and facilities. However, its proximity to heritage assets would have a negative effect.

6.488 This is an elevated site in a prominent location immediately adjacent to a roundabout and between the bypass and Tunstall Road. Mainly grass with some trees. The site is within 400m of seven grade II listed assets. Ecological and heritage impact assessments are required.

6.489 The site was proposed for inclusion in the July 2017 preferred option Local Plan as part of the Wharf Road site (Broad Area 4).

Additional sites appraised following July 2017 consultation

Land at Coppice Wood

6.490 The proposed delivery of circa 4 dwellings is considered to have a positive effect. The site is also accessible to existing services, facilities and existing areas of employment and this is also likely to have a positive effect, as could its distance away from heritage assets. However, the development of greenfield land, indicated on the predictive map of best and most versatile agricultural land as within an area where 20-60% of the land is likely to be BMV, located within Green Belt and within the important landscape setting to the settlement is assessed as having a negative effect. Similarly the site is part of the linear woodland proposed as Local Green Space 18 (Braddocks Hay) and as such is part of an important wildlife corridor into the surrounding countryside and this is also likely to have a negative effect. Ecological and landscape impact assessments are required.

6.491 This site was not proposed to be taken forward as part of the Local Plan published for representations in February 2018.

Land at Newpool Farm (west of BD063a)

6.492 The proposed delivery of circa 240 dwellings should have a significant positive effect. The site is also accessible to existing services, facilities and areas of employment which is likely to have positive effects. Similarly the location of the site, outside flood zones 2 and 3 and close to the open countryside and walking and cycling routes are also likely to lead to positive effects. However, the site's potential ecological value and contribution to Green Infrastructure is considered likely to have a negative effect, further ecological survey is required. Similarly, the development of greenfield land, partly indicated on the predictive map of best and most versatile agricultural land as within an area where 20-60% of the land is likely to be BMV is likely to have a negative effect, landscape impact assessment is required. The Council's Green Belt study indicated that BD063a may be suitable for release from the Green Belt if exceptional circumstances can be demonstrated. The site's proximity to historic assets are also assessed as having a negative effect, an applicant should be required to provide an NPPF compliant heritage statement.

6.493 This site was not proposed to be taken forward as part of the Local Plan published for representations in February 2018.

Cheadle

Cheadle - sites within the current development boundary

CH002A

6.494 The proposed delivery of circa 26 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as could the site's proximity to health care services and facilities and areas of existing employment. Similarly, the site's distance away from historic assets is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is partly within flood zone 2 and 3 which is likely to have a significant negative effect, as could the development of greenfield land indicated on the predictive map of Best and Most Versatile agricultural land as urban / industrial and the site's proximity to designated assets.

6.495 The site comprises a small field on the eastern edge of the settlement that (in combination with CH002b to the east) forms a gap in development. The site is likely to be affected to some degree by flood risk; allocation will require the support of the Sequential Test and a level 2 SFRA. Cecilly Brook holds a strong isolated population of water voles, as a protected species their habitat must be maintained. There are no designated heritage assets within the 400m buffer.

6.496 The site was taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

6.497 The Extended Phase 1 Habitat Surveys and Local Wildlife Site Assessment (May 2017) considered that the site has some potential to support protected species and further surveys are also recommended for the scattered trees. The site habitats are considered to be of nature conservation value at district level. Further surveys are recommended to confirm the presence or absence of reptiles in the in the south-west area of the site due to the presence of scattered scrub and good connectivity with Cecilly Brook.

6.498 The site was considered by the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) to be of low landscape sensitivity. The site boundary requires amendment to exclude land within the floodplain. The creation of a buffer zone between the site and Cecily Brook Local Nature Reserve should be considered. There is opportunity to contribute to the Green Infrastructure Network.

6.499 Master-planning will be required in order to manage impact on the Local Nature Reserve and to ensure impacts on biodiversity are minimised (and net gains in biodiversity provided where possible. A masterplan should also demonstrate how a development scheme could contribute to the priorities and actions proposed for the Cecilly Brook strategic GI corridor (as set out in the Green Infrastructure Strategy), including by establishing coherent ecological networks that are more resilient to current and future pressures, as well as enabling water quality improvements in line with the Water Framework Directive objectives. The potential to accommodate SuDS should be considered to both manage any residual flood risk and help deliver the water quality improvements.

6.500 The site was proposed for inclusion in the July 2017 preferred option Local Plan.

CH002B

6.501 The proposed delivery of circa 42 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as could the site's proximity to services and facilities and areas of existing employment. Similarly, the site's distance away from historic assets is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site's proximity to a designated asset and the development of greenfield land indicated on the predictive map of Best and Most Versatile agricultural land as urban / industrial is likely to have a significant negative effect.

6.502 The site comprises a small field containing Moor Lane Farm on the eastern edge of the settlement that (in combination with CH002a to the west) forms a gap in development. There are no designated heritage assets within the 400m buffer. This site was taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

6.503 The Extended Phase 1 Habitat Surveys and Local Wildlife Site Assessment (May 2017) considered that the site generally has low biodiversity but its good connectivity to a stream and surrounding habitats deem the site to be of district importance for its potential to support protected species. The site habitats are considered to be of district importance. Further surveys are recommended to confirm the presence of reptiles and assess the importance of the species-rich hedgerows.

6.504 The site was considered by the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) to be of low landscape sensitivity. There is opportunity to contribute to the Green Infrastructure Network.

6.505 Master-planning will be required in order to manage impact on the Local Nature Reserves and to ensure impacts on biodiversity are minimised (and net gains in biodiversity provided where possible. A masterplan should also demonstrate how a development scheme could contribute to the priorities and actions proposed for the Cecilly Brook strategic GI corridor (as set out in the Green Infrastructure Strategy), including by establishing coherent ecological networks that are more resilient to current and future pressures, as well as enabling water quality improvements in line with the Water Framework Directive objectives. The potential to accommodate SuDS should be considered to help deliver the water quality improvements.

6.506 The site was proposed for inclusion in the July 2017 preferred option Local Plan.

CH003

6.507 The proposed delivery of circa 55 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as could the site's proximity to areas of existing employment. Similarly, the site's distance away from historic assets is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is partly within a flood zone which is likely to have a significant negative effect. The development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is assessed as having a negative effect, as could the site's ecological value.

6.508 The site has been granted outline planning permission for up to 43 dwellings SMD/2014/0655.

CH004

6.509 The proposed delivery of circa 45 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's distance away from historic assets is likely to have a positive effect as could the accessibility to services, facilities and areas of existing employment. However, the development of greenfield land indicated on the predictive map of Best and Most Versatile agricultural land as urban / industrial is assessed as having a significant negative effect. The ecological value of the site is likely to have a negative effect.

6.510 A single field within the north of the settlement enclosed by residential development, north of the play area on Thorpe Rise. There are no designated heritage assets within the 400m buffer. This site was taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

6.511 The Extended Phase 1 Habitat Surveys and Local Wildlife Site Assessment (May 2017) considered that the site generally has low ecological value in its potential to support protected species. Most of the site habitats are considered to be of nature conservation value at local level only. However the species-rich hedgerow was assessed as being potentially meeting BAS / SBI status.

6.512 The site was considered by the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) to be of low landscape sensitivity.

6.513 The site was proposed for inclusion in the July 2017 preferred option Local Plan.

CH006

6.514 The proposed delivery of circa 45 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as could the site's accessibility to areas of existing employment. Similarly, the site's distance away from historic assets is likely to have a positive effect as could the accessibility to services and facilities. However, the development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land is assessed as having a significant negative effect, as could the site's partial location within a flood zone and proximity to a designated asset.

6.515 The site is likely to be affected to some degree by flood risk. Cecilly Brook holds a strong, isolated population of water voles, as a protected species their habitat must be maintained. The site includes a farmhouse that is a possible non-designated heritage asset.

6.516 Full planning permission has been granted for 36 dwellings SMD/2015/0050.

CH009

6.517 The site's accessibility to services, facilities and areas of existing employment is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the proposed delivery of circa 16 dwellings is likely to have a positive effect. However, the development of greenfield land (indicated on the predictive map of Best and Most Versatile agricultural land as urban / industrial) is assessed as having a significant negative effect, as could the site's proximity to designated assets. The site's proximity to historic assets is also likely to have a negative effect.

6.518 The site is located to the east of Churchill Road within the north of the settlement, and comprises Orchard Farm and adjacent land. The public footpath crossing the site (Public Right of Way Cheadle 38) will need to be retained. There is opportunity to contribute to the Green Infrastructure Network. This site was taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

6.519 The Extended Phase 1 Habitat Surveys and Local Wildlife Site Assessment (May 2017) considered that the site has potential to support protected species. Further surveys are recommended to assess the importance of the species-rich hedgerows and the potential for bat roosts.

6.520 There are three Grade II Listed Buildings and one Conservation Area within the 400m buffer. The site was considered by the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) which considered that due to the intervening buildings as well as vegetation between the assets and the site, development would be highly unlikely to adversely affect the settings of the heritage assets.

6.521 The site was considered by the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) to be of low landscape sensitivity.

6.522 Master-planning will be required in order to manage impact on the Local Nature Reserve and to ensure impacts on biodiversity are minimised (and net gains in biodiversity provided where possible. A masterplan should also demonstrate how a development scheme could contribute to the priorities and actions proposed for the Cecilly Brook strategic GI corridor (as set out in the Green Infrastructure Strategy), including by establishing coherent ecological networks that are more resilient to current and future pressures, as well as enabling water quality improvements in line with the Water Framework Directive objectives. The potential to accommodate SuDS should be considered to help deliver the water quality improvements.

6.523 The site was not proposed for inclusion in the July 2017 version preferred option Local Plan.

CH013

6.524 The proposed delivery of circa 50 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services, facilities and areas of existing employment is likely to have a positive effect. However, the development of greenfield land indicated on the predictive map of Best and Most Versatile agricultural land as within an area where 20 - 60% of the land is likely to be BMV is assessed as having a negative effect, as could the ecological value of the site and its proximity to historic assets.

6.525 An outline planning application has a resolution for approval, subject to S106 agreement (SMD/2015/0438). This site was taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

6.526 The site was proposed to be carried forward into the July 2017 preferred option Local Plan with outline planning permission pending.

CH015

6.527 The proposed delivery of circa 32 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services, facilities and areas of existing employment is likely to have a positive effect, as could the development of brownfield land indicated on the predictive map of Best and Most Versatile agricultural land as urban / industrial. However, the ecological value of the site and its proximity to a LNR, candidate AQMA and historic assets is likely to have a negative effect.

6.528 Previously developed land within the centre of the settlement, east of Leek Road. This site was taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

6.529 The Extended Phase 1 Habitat Surveys and Local Wildlife Site Assessment (May 2017) considered that the site has potential for protected species. Further surveys are recommended to confirm the presence of roosting bats in the buildings and trees; a tree survey is also required.

6.530 The site was considered by the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) to be of low landscape sensitivity.

6.531 There are 22 Grade II Listed Buildings and one Conservation Area within the 400m buffer. The site consists of previously developed land including a depot, and is adjacent to the Conservation Area and opposite two Grade II Listed Buildings. The site was considered by the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) which notes that the present site does not contribute to the setting of the heritage assets and appropriate development could enhance the frontage with sensitive design.

6.532 The site is located within Ground Water Source Protection Zone 2 and partially within Ground Water Source Protection Zone 1. Due to the nature of the previous use of the site there is a risk of contamination that will need to be addressed.

6.533 The site was proposed for inclusion in the July 2017 preferred option Local Plan.

CH020

6.534 The proposed delivery of circa 42 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as could the site's proximity to areas of existing employment. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services and facilities is likely to have a positive effect, as could its location away from historic assets. However, the site is partly within a flood zone which is likely to have a significant negative effect. The ecological value of the site is also likely to have a negative effect. The site is indicated on the predictive map of Best and Most Versatile agricultural land as within an area where 20 - 60% of the land is likely to be BMV.

6.535 Previously developed land (including a residential property) and rough grassland within the west of Cheadle, north of the A521 and the Brookhouses industrial estate. There are no designated heritage assets within the 400m buffer.

6.536 The site is likely to be affected to some degree by flood risk; allocation will require the support of the Sequential Test and a level 2 SFRA. This site was taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016 with a revised site boundary to exclude land within the floodplain.

6.537 The Extended Phase 1 Habitat Surveys and Local Wildlife Site Assessment (May 2017) considered that most of the site habitats are common throughout the region and not considered eligible for BAS / SBI status. However the ruderal vegetation could be eligible for BAS status subject to further work. Surveys are recommended to confirm the presence of roosting bats, reptiles and to assess the scattered trees.

6.538 The site was considered by the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) to be of low landscape sensitivity. Due to the nature of the previous use of the site there is a risk of contamination that will need to be addressed.

6.539 The site was proposed for inclusion in the July 2017 preferred option Local Plan.

CH024

6.540 The proposed delivery of circa 45 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as could the site's proximity to areas of existing employment. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services and facilities is likely to have a positive effect. However, the development of greenfield land (indicated on the predictive map of Best and Most Versatile agricultural land as urban / industrial) and its partial location within a flood zone are assessed as having a significant negative effect. The ecological value of the site, its location near to a LNR, and its proximity to heritage assets are also assessed as negative effects.

6.541 Site comprises a field within the north of the settlement, east of Orchard Farm, south-east of the recreation ground and west of Cecily Brook. The public footpath crossing the site (Public Right of Way Cheadle 38) will need to be retained. The site is likely to be affected to some degree by flood risk; allocation will require the support of the Sequential Test and a level 2 SFRA. Cecilly Brook holds a strong, isolated population of water voles, as a protected species their habitat must be maintained.

6.542 This site was taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016 with a revised site boundary to exclude land within the floodplain.

6.543 The Extended Phase 1 Habitat Surveys and Local Wildlife Site Assessment (May 2017) considered that most of the site habitats are common throughout the region and not considered eligible for BAS / SBI status. However the ruderal vegetation is considered eligible for BAS status and further surveys are recommended to confirm the presence of reptiles. The site has potential for protected species to be present mainly due to the close proximity of the mosaic of stream habitats and good connectivity to Cecily Brook Local Nature Reserve and the wider countryside. Contribution to the emerging strategic Green Infrastructure network should be considered.

6.544 There are three Grade II Listed Buildings and one Conservation Area within the 400m buffer. The site was considered by the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) which notes that due to the buildings as well as vegetation between the assets and the site, it is considered that development would be highly unlikely to adversely affect the settings of the heritage assets.

6.545 The site was considered by the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) to be of low landscape sensitivity.

6.546 Master-planning will be required in order to manage impact on the Local Nature Reserves and to ensure impacts on biodiversity are minimised (and net gains in biodiversity provided where possible. A masterplan should also demonstrate how a development scheme

could contribute to the priorities and actions proposed for the Cecilly Brook strategic GI corridor (as set out in the Green Infrastructure Strategy), including by establishing coherent ecological networks that are more resilient to current and future pressures, as well as enabling water quality improvements in line with the Water Framework Directive objectives. The potential to accommodate SuDS should be considered to help manage any residual flood risk and to deliver water quality improvements.

6.547 The site was proposed for inclusion in the July 2017 preferred option Local Plan.

Urban Extension: Core Strategy Broad Area 1 - CH001

6.548 The proposed delivery of circa 240 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services, facilities and areas of existing employment is likely to have a positive effect. Similarly, the site's location away from historic assets is likely to have a positive effect. However, the development of greenfield land indicated on the predictive map of Best and Most Versatile agricultural land as partly within an area where 20 - 60% of the land is likely to be BMV is assessed as having a significant negative effect.

6.549 This is a large site located to the north of the settlement, east of Froghall Road. The site is enclosed by existing development to the north, west and south, and is open to the east. Therefore the site forms a large gap in existing development within Cheadle. The area has been identified as an appropriate area for housing in the adopted Core Strategy (Area 1). A small section to the east of the site is located in Flood Zone 3 and the site is likely to be affected to some degree by flood risk. Cecilly Brook holds a strong, isolated population of water voles, as a protected species their habitat must be maintained. The road frontage to the site affects the setting of Woodhead Yard, which is a non-designated heritage asset. A former mid-19th century historic tramline crosses the site. Landscape and heritage impact assessments are required.

6.550 This site was taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016 with a revised site boundary to exclude land within the floodplain.

6.551 The Extended Phase 1 Habitat Surveys and Local Wildlife Site Assessment (May 2017) considered that the site generally has some ecological value in its potential to support protected species. The scattered trees are considered to be of nature conservation value at district level.

6.552 There are no designated heritage assets within the 400m buffer. However the site has a mining legacy and the presence of disused mine shafts need to be addressed.

6.553 The site was considered by the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) to be of medium landscape sensitivity. The study found that the western extent of the site is enclosed with low visual prominence and that visual prominence increases to the east as the site becomes more open and slopes down to Cecily Brook. Site-specific landscape mitigation measures could include setting development back from the lower ground in the eastern corner of the site and advanced planting on the eastern boundary.

6.554 The tramway route should be used to help inform a master-planning process which should also include landscape mitigation measures and respond to the presence of disused mine shafts. A master-plan should also demonstrate how the site's relationship with the Local Nature Reserves have been addressed to ensure impacts on biodiversity are minimised

(and net gains in biodiversity provided where possible). A masterplan should also demonstrate how a development scheme could contribute to the priorities and actions proposed for the Cecilly Brook strategic GI corridor (as set out in the Green Infrastructure Strategy), including by establishing coherent ecological networks that are more resilient to current and future pressures, as well as enabling water quality improvements in line with the Water Framework Directive objectives. The potential to accommodate SuDS should be considered to help manage any residual flood risk and to deliver water quality improvements.

6.555 The site was proposed for inclusion in the July 2017 preferred option Local Plan.

Other uses

Core Strategy Broad Area EM1 (CH127)

6.556 The development of new employment premises should have a significant positive effect upon the vitality and viability of the District, strengthen economic growth and support a higher level of employment within the District. Similarly, the accessibility of other services and facilities and its location away from historic assets is likely to have a positive effect. However, the development of greenfield land indicated on the predictive map of Best and Most Versatile agricultural land as within an area where over 60% of the land is likely to be BMV and its partial location within a flood zone are likely to have a negative effect as could the ecological value of the site.

6.557 The site comprises a large field south of existing industrial development, which slopes down from New Haden Road to a stream on the northern site boundary. The area has been identified as an appropriate area for employment in the adopted Core Strategy (Area EM1). A small area to the east of the site adjacent to the Brook is located in Flood Zone 2, the site is likely to be affected to some degree by flood risk. There are no designated heritage assets within the 400m buffer.

6.558 This site was taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016 with a revised boundary to exclude areas of floodplain.

6.559 The Extended Phase 1 Habitat Surveys and Local Wildlife Site Assessment (May 2017) considered that most of the site habitats are common throughout the region and not considered eligible for BAS / SBI status. However the two scattered trees present could support roosting bats and be eligible for BAS status subject to further survey.

6.560 The site was considered by the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) to be of medium landscape sensitivity. The study found that the site is open, however the land continues to rise to the south, screening longer distance views from this direction. Tree planting and vegetation on the site boundaries and within adjacent land reduces visual prominence. Views of the site from the north would be seen in the context of the adjacent industrial development. Site-specific landscape mitigation measures could include additional advanced planting on the site boundaries and limiting building heights.

6.561 The site was proposed for inclusion in the July 2017 preferred option Local Plan.

Core Strategy Broad Area EM2 - CH019

6.562 The development of new employment premises should have a significant positive effect upon the vitality and viability of the District, strengthen economic growth and support a higher level of employment within the District. Similarly, the low ecological value of the site, the development of brownfield land (although indicated on the predictive map of Best and Most Versatile agricultural land as partly within an area where less than 20%, and partly within an area where greater than 60% of the land is likely to be BMV) and its location away from historic assets is likely to have a positive effect.

6.563 Previously developed site (comprising a recycling yard on disused opencast workings) on the western edge of Cheadle, behind Hillside Industrial Park off Draycott Cross Road. The area has been identified as an appropriate area for employment in the adopted Core Strategy (Area EM2). There are no designated heritage assets within the 400m buffer.

6.564 This site was taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

6.565 The Extended Phase 1 Habitat Surveys and Local Wildlife Site Assessment (May 2017) considered that the site generally has low ecological value in its potential to support protected species. The site habitats are considered to be of nature conservation value at site level only. Further surveys are recommended to confirm the presence or absence of Great Crested Newts in the pond present within 250m of the site.

6.566 The site was considered by the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) to be of low landscape sensitivity. The study found that the site is located at the bottom of a valley, with land rising to the south and north, and is enclosed by thick tree belts and hedgerows. The site was considered to have low visual prominence.

6.567 The site was proposed for inclusion in the July 2017 preferred option Local Plan.

CH143

6.568 The development of new employment premises should have a significant positive effect upon the vitality and viability of the District, strengthen economic growth and support a higher level of employment within the District. Similarly, its location away from historic assets is likely to have a positive effect as could its accessibility to services and facilities. However, the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is likely to have a negative effect as could the ecological value of the site.

6.569 Outline planning permission has been granted for this site, SMD/2014/0655.

Cheadle - Sites outside the current development boundary

CH073A

6.570 The proposed delivery of circa 90 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as could the accessibility to areas of existing employment. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services and facilities is likely to have a positive effect. However, the development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land is assessed as having a significant negative effect. The ecological value of the site and its location near to a LNR and historic assets is likely to have a negative effect.

6.571 The site forms part of the setting of Hales Hall (Grade II* listed) and its medieval fish pond. Landscape and heritage impact assessments are required; along with an assessment of potential impacts on Hales Hall Pool Local Nature Reserve and the District's Green Infrastructure network.

6.572 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

CH073B

6.573 The proposed delivery of circa 114 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as could the accessibility to areas of existing employment. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services and facilities is likely to have a positive effect as could its location away from historic assets. However, the development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land is assessed as having a significant negative effect, as could the site's proximity to designated assets.

6.574 Landscape impact assessment is required; along with an assessment of potential impacts on Cecilly Brook LNR and the District's Green Infrastructure network.

6.575 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

CH073C

6.576 The proposed delivery of circa 90 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services and facilities is likely to have a positive effect as could its location away from historic assets. However, the development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land and proximity to designated assets is assessed as having a significant negative effect. The site's inaccessibility to areas of existing employment is likely to have a negative effect.

6.577 Landscape impact assessment is required; along with an assessment of potential impacts on Hales Hall Pool LNR and the District's Green Infrastructure network.

6.578 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

CH073D

6.579 The proposed delivery of circa 77 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services, facilities and areas of existing employment is likely to have a positive effect as could its location away from historic assets. However, the development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land is assessed as having a significant negative effect. The site's location near to a LNR is likely to have a negative effect.

6.580 The site is adjacent to ancient woodland. Landscape impact assessment is required; along with an assessment of potential impacts on Cecilly Brook LNR and the District's Green Infrastructure network.

6.581 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

CH073E

6.582 The proposed delivery of circa 140 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services and facilities is likely to have a positive effect as could its location away from historic assets. However, the development of

greenfield, grade 3 ALC land is assessed as having a significant negative effect as could the remote nature of this site within the open countryside. The site's inaccessibility to areas of existing employment and proximity to designated assets is likely to have a negative effect.

6.583 The site is adjacent to ancient woodland. Landscape impact assessment is required; along with an assessment of potential impacts on Hales Hall Pool and Cecilly Brook LNRs, as well as the District's Green Infrastructure network.

6.584 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

CH075A

6.585 The proposed delivery of circa 50 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services, facilities and areas of existing employment is likely to have a positive effect as could its location away from historic assets. However, the development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land is assessed as having a significant negative effect, as could the site's location near to a Local Nature Reserve.

6.586 The site lies within the area considered to form an important landscape setting to the settlement. Landscape impact assessment is required; along with an assessment of potential impacts on Cecilly Brook LNR.

6.587 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

CH075B

6.588 The proposed delivery of circa 60 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services and facilities is likely to have a positive effect as could its location away from historic assets. However, the development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land is assessed as having a significant negative effect, as could the site's proximity to designated assets. The site's inaccessibility to areas of existing employment is likely to have a negative effect.

6.589 The site lies within the area considered to form an important landscape setting to the settlement. Landscape impact assessment is required; along with an assessment of potential impacts on Cecilly Brook LNR.

6.590 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

CH075C

6.591 The proposed delivery of circa 125 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services and facilities is likely to have a positive effect. However, the development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land and the site's proximity to designated assets is assessed as having a significant negative effect. The site's inaccessibility to areas of existing employment is likely to have a negative effect.

6.592 The site lies within the area considered to form an important landscape setting to the settlement. Landscape impact assessment is required; along with an assessment of potential impacts on Cecilly Brook LNR as well as the District's Green Infrastructure network.

6.593 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

CH075D

6.594 The proposed delivery of circa 45 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services, facilities and areas of existing employment is likely to have a positive effect. However, the development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land and proximity to designated assets is assessed as having significant negative effects.

6.595 The site lies within the area considered to form an important landscape setting to the settlement. Landscape impact assessment is required; along with an assessment of potential impacts on Cecilly Brook LNR as well as the District's Green Infrastructure network.

6.596 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

CH076A

6.597 The proposed delivery of circa 100 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services and facilities is likely to have a positive effect. However, the development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land is assessed as having a significant negative effect as could the site's partial location within flood zone 2 and 3. The site's location near to designated and historic assets and the inaccessibility of areas of existing employment is likely to have a negative effect.

6.598 Part of the site is located within a flood zone 3 area and may be subject to risk from flooding. The site lies within the area considered to form an important landscape setting to the settlement and is within 75m of Mill House (grade II* listed). Landscape and heritage impact assessments are required; along with an assessment of potential impacts on Cecilly Brook LNR as well as the District's Green Infrastructure network.

6.599 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

CH076B

6.600 The proposed delivery of circa 110 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services and facilities is likely to have a positive effect. However, the development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land is assessed as having a significant negative effect as could the site's partial location within flood zone 2 and 3. The site's location near to a Local Nature Reserve and historic assets is likely to have a negative effect, as could the inaccessibility of areas of existing employment.

6.601 Part of the site is located within a flood zone 3 area and may be subject to risk from flooding. The site lies within the area considered to form an important landscape setting to the settlement and is within 400m of Mill House (grade II* listed). Landscape and heritage impact assessments are required; along with an assessment of potential impacts on Cecilly Brook LNR as well as the District's Green Infrastructure network.

6.602 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

CH077A

6.603 The proposed delivery of circa 100 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services and facilities is likely to have a positive effect. However, the development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land is assessed as having a significant negative effect as could the site's partial location within flood zone 2 and

3 and proximity to historic assets. Additionally, the site has ecological value and may have potential for classification as as a Site of Biological Importance which has a significant negative effect. The inaccessibility of areas of existing employment is likely to have a negative effect.

6.604 Part of the site is located within a flood zone 3 area and may be subject to risk from flooding. The site lies within the area considered to form an important landscape setting to the settlement and is adjacent to Mill House (grade II* listed). Landscape, ecology and heritage impact assessments are required; along with an assessment of potential impacts on Cecilly Brook LNR as well as the District's Green Infrastructure network.

6.605 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

CH077B

6.606 The proposed delivery of circa 105 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to health care services and facilities is likely to have a positive effect. However, the development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land is assessed as having a significant negative effect as could the site's partial location within flood zone 2 and 3. Additionally, the site has ecological value and may have potential for classification as a Site of Biological Importance which has a significant negative effect. The site's location near to historic assets is likely to have a negative effect, as could the inaccessibility of areas of existing employment.

6.607 Part of the site is located within a flood zone 3 area and may be subject to risk from flooding. The site lies within the area considered to form an important landscape setting to the settlement and forms part of the rural setting of Mill House (grade II* listed). Landscape, ecology and heritage impact assessments are required; along with an assessment of potential impacts on Cecilly Brook LNR as well as the District's Green Infrastructure network.

6.608 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

CH080

6.609 The proposed delivery of circa 80 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to health care services and facilities and areas of existing employment is likely to have a positive effect. However, the development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land is assessed as having a significant negative effect as could the site's partial location within flood zone 2 and 3. The site's location near to a Local Nature Reserve and historic assets is likely to have a negative effect.

6.610 Part of the site is located within a flood zone 3 area and may be subject to risk from flooding. The site is within 400m of Hales Hall (grade II listed). Landscape and heritage impact assessments are required; along with an assessment of potential impacts on Hales Hall Pool LNR as well as the District's Green Infrastructure network.

6.611 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

CH081

6.612 The proposed delivery of circa 110 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as could the site's proximity to areas of existing employment. Similarly, the site's accessibility to health care services and facilities is likely to have a positive effect.

However, the development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land is assessed as having a significant negative effect as could the site's partial location within flood zone 2 and 3. The site's location near to a Local Nature Reserve and historic assets and its ecological value is likely to have a negative effect.

6.613 Part of the site is located within a flood zone 3 area and may be subject to risk from flooding. Cecilly Brook holds a strong, isolated population of water voles, their habitat must be maintained. The site is also within 200m of Hales Hall Pool LNR and 400m of Hales Hall (grade II listed). Landscape and heritage impact assessments are required; along with an assessment of potential impacts on the Nature Reserves as well as the District's Green Infrastructure network.

6.614 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

CH085A

6.615 The proposed delivery of circa 150 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services, facilities and areas of existing employment is likely to have a positive effect, as could the site's location away from historic assets. However, the development of greenfield land indicated on the predictive map of Best and Most Versatile agricultural land as predominantly within an area where 20 - 60% of the land is likely to be BMV is assessed as having a significant negative effect as could part of the site's location within flood zone 2. The site's ecological value is likely to have a negative effect.

6.616 Site comprises fields on the south-western edge of the settlement, sloping down from the settlement edge. There are no designated heritage assets within the 400m buffer. The western edge of the site is within an area of flood zone and the site is likely to be affected to some degree by flood risk. Support of the sequential test and a Level 2 SFRA are needed. A landscape impact assessment is also required.

6.617 This site was taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016 with an amended site boundary to exclude areas of flood risk.

6.618 The Extended Phase 1 Habitat Surveys and Local Wildlife Site Assessment (May 2017) considered that most of the site habitats are common throughout the region and not considered eligible for BAS / SBI status. However the two scattered trees present could support roosting bats and be eligible for BAS status subject to further survey.

6.619 The site was considered by the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) to be of medium landscape sensitivity. The study found that while the site is open, long distance views are screened by the railway embankment located to the north and west of the site. Site-specific landscape mitigation measures could include limiting building heights and planting in the south west of the site.

6.620 The site was proposed for inclusion in the July 2017 preferred option Local Plan.

CH085B

6.621 The proposed delivery of circa 80 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to health care services and facilities and areas of existing employment is likely to have a positive effect, as could the site's location away from historic assets. However, the development of greenfield land indicated on the

predictive map of Best and Most Versatile agricultural land as predominantly within an area where 20 - 60% of the land is likely to be BMV is assessed as having a significant negative effect as could part of the site's location within flood zone 2 and 3.

6.622 Site comprises a field on the south-western edge of the settlement, sloping down from the settlement edge. There are no designated heritage assets within the 400m buffer. The western edge of the site is within an area of flood zone and the site is likely to be affected to some degree by flood risk. Support of the sequential test and a Level 2 SFRA are needed. A landscape impact assessment is also required.

6.623 This site was taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016 with an amended site boundary to exclude areas of flood risk.

6.624 The Extended Phase 1 Habitat Surveys and Local Wildlife Site Assessment (May 2017) considered that most of the site habitats are common throughout the region and not considered eligible for BAS / SBI status. However the species-rich hedgerow has potential for BAS / SBI status subject to further survey.

6.625 The site was considered by the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) to be of medium landscape sensitivity. The study found that while the site is open, long distance views are screened by the railway embankment located to the north and west of the site. Site-specific landscape mitigation measures could include limiting building heights and planting in the west of the site.

6.626 The site was proposed for inclusion in the July 2017 preferred option Local Plan.

CH085C

6.627 The proposed delivery of circa 150 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility areas of existing employment is likely to have a positive effect, as could the site's location away from historic assets. However, the development of greenfield land indicated on the predictive map of Best and Most Versatile agricultural land as predominantly within an area where 20 - 60% of the land is likely to be BMV (but partly within an area where over 60% of the land is likely to be BMV) is assessed as having a significant negative effect.

6.628 Site comprises fields to the south-west of the settlement, sloping down from the settlement edge. A landscape impact assessment is required.

6.629 This site was taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

6.630 The Extended Phase 1 Habitat Surveys and Local Wildlife Site Assessment (May 2017) considered that most of the site habitats are common throughout the region and not considered eligible for BAS / SBI status. However the species-rich hedgerow has potential for BAS / SBI status subject to further survey.

6.631 There is one Grade II Listed Building within the 400m buffer. The Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) considered that as a farm, the wider agricultural setting is considered to contribute to the overall significance of the asset. The study found that the site is part of the wider setting of the asset and therefore development would be likely to cause adverse effects. Potential mitigation measures include screening of the southern edge of the site.

6.632 The site was considered by the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) to be of medium landscape sensitivity. The study found that while the site is open, long distance views are screened by the railway embankment located to the north and west of the site. Only the north-eastern corner of the site is adjacent to the settlement edge and is otherwise separated by adjacent sites (CH085d). Site-specific landscape mitigation measures could include phased development (ensuring the site is developed following the development of adjoining sites), limiting building heights and planting in the west of the site.

6.633 The site was proposed for inclusion in the July 2017 preferred option Local Plan.

CH085D

6.634 The proposed delivery of circa 115 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to health care services and facilities and areas of existing employment is likely to have a positive effect. However, the development of greenfield land indicated on the predictive map of Best and Most Versatile agricultural land as predominantly within an area where 20 - 60% of the land is likely to be BMV is assessed as having a significant negative effect. The site's ecological value and proximity to historic assets are also likely to have a negative effect.

6.635 Site comprises generally flat fields on the south-western edge of the settlement, enclosed by residential development to the east and north. Landscape and heritage impact assessments are required.

6.636 A small part of CH093 was incorporated within CH085d at the Preferred Options stage. The whole of CH093 was considered as part of the Council's Green Belt Review. The study recommended considering the site for release from the Green Belt if exceptional circumstances can be demonstrated. The site was taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

6.637 The Extended Phase 1 Habitat Surveys and Local Wildlife Site Assessment (May 2017) considered that most of the site habitats are common throughout the region and not considered eligible for BAS / SBI status. However the species-rich hedgerow has potential for BAS / SBI status, one oak tree has bat roost potential and the scattered trees also need to be assessed. Further surveys are required.

6.638 The site was considered by the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) to be of low landscape sensitivity. The study found that while the site is open to the west, long distance views are screened by the railway embankment located further to the west of the site and considered that the site fits well within the existing settlement pattern.

6.639 There are two Grade II Listed Buildings within the 400m buffer; of which the site is part of the wider agricultural setting of a farm to the south. The site was considered by the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) which notes that as a farm, the agricultural setting is considered to contribute to the overall significance of the asset. As such, development was considered likely to cause adverse effects to its setting by altering some of that agricultural landscape. Mitigation measures may include master-planning and screening of the southern edge of the site.

6.640 The site was proposed for inclusion in the July 2017 preferred option Local Plan.

CH093

6.641 The proposed delivery of circa 165 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. However, the development of greenfield land indicated on the predictive map of Best and Most Versatile agricultural land as predominantly within an area where 20 - 60% of the land is likely to be BMV is assessed as having a significant negative effect as could the site's partial location within flood zone 2. The site's proximity to historic assets is likely to have a negative effect, as could the inaccessibility of areas of existing employment.

6.642 The site is likely to be affected to some degree by flood risk; support of the sequential test and a level 2 SFRA is required. Landscape and heritage impacts assessments should also be undertaken. The Council's Green Belt review has concluded that the site could be considered for release from the Green Belt if exceptional circumstances can be demonstrated.

6.643 The north east section of the site has been incorporated within site CH085d and this part of the site only has been taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016 and is proposed to be carried forward into the July 2017 preferred option Local Plan.

CH121

6.644 The proposed delivery of circa 38 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services, facilities and areas of existing employment is likely to have a positive effect, as could the site's location away from historic assets. However, the development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land is assessed as having a significant negative effect. The site's ecological value and proximity to a Local Nature Reserve is likely to have a negative effect.

6.645 Public Right of Way (Cheadle 4) runs along the access to the Cottage and should be retained. The site lies within the area considered to form an important landscape setting to the settlement. Landscape impact assessment is required; along with an assessment of potential impacts on Cecilly Brook LNR as well as the District's Green Infrastructure network.

6.646 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

CH122

6.647 The proposed delivery of circa 22 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services, facilities and areas of existing employment is likely to have a positive effect, as could the site's location away from historic assets. However, the development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land is assessed as having a significant negative effect. The site's ecological value and proximity to a Local Nature Reserve is likely to have a negative effect.

6.648 Landscape impact assessment is required; along with an assessment of potential impacts on Cecilly Brook LNR as well as the District's Green Infrastructure network.

6.649 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

CH128

6.650 The proposed delivery of circa 28 dwellings and accessibility to areas of existing employment is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services and facilities is likely to have a positive effect. However, the development of greenfield land indicated on the predictive map of Best and Most Versatile agricultural land

as within an area where 20 - 60% of the land is likely to be BMV is assessed as having a significant negative effect. The site's proximity to historic assets is likely to have a negative effect.

6.651 The site is overgrown land with no public access on the southern edge of Cheadle, west of the A522. The Council's Green Belt Review concluded that the site could be considered for release from the Green Belt if exceptional circumstances can be demonstrated. Landscape and heritage impact assessments are required.

6.652 This site was taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

6.653 The Extended Phase 1 Habitat Surveys and Local Wildlife Site Assessment (May 2017) considered that most of the site habitats are common throughout the region and not considered eligible for BAS / SBI status. No protected species were identified on site and the site is considered to have low ecological value.

6.654 The site was considered by the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) to be of low landscape sensitivity. The study found that the site is enclosed by development to the north and south which provides screening, reducing visual prominence.

6.655 There are two Grade II Listed Buildings within the 400m buffer. The site was considered by the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) which notes that the assets are well screened by vegetation and considered that due to the topography and existing vegetation, development would be unlikely to cause high adverse effects to their settings. Mitigation measures could include screening of the eastern and southern edges.

6.656 The site was proposed for inclusion in the July 2017 preferred option Local Plan.

CH129

6.657 The proposed delivery of circa 120 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as could the accessibility to areas of existing employment. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services and facilities and distance away from historic assets is likely to have a positive effect. However, the development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land is assessed as having a significant negative effect. The site's proximity to Local Nature Reserves and ecological value is likely to have a negative effect.

6.658 Landscape impact assessment is required. In addition, the site is within 100m of Hales Hall Pool LNR and within 300m of Cecilly Brook LNR. Assessments are required of potential impacts on these Nature Reserves and the District's Green Infrastructure network.

6.659 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

CH132

6.660 The proposed delivery of circa 130 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of existing employment and distance away from historic assets is likely to have a positive effect. However, the development of greenfield land indicated on the predictive map of Best and Most Versatile agricultural land as predominantly within an area where 20 - 60% of the land is likely to be BMV is assessed

as having a significant negative effect, as could the site's partial location within flood zone 2 and 3. The site's proximity to two Local Nature Reserves and ecological value is also likely to have a negative effect.

6.661 Site comprises a large field on the northern edge of Cheadle, which slopes down from the settlement edge to Cecily Brook. Broad Hayes Park (mobile home park) is adjacent to the north-west site boundary. Part of the site is located within a flood zone 3 area and thus is likely to be subject to risk from flooding. Cecilly Brook holds a strong, isolated population of water voles whose habitat must be maintained. The site is within 500m of Cecilly Brook and Hales Hall Pool LNRs. Assessments are required of potential impacts on these Nature Reserves and the District's Green Infrastructure network.

6.662 This site was taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016 with a revised boundary to exclude areas of flood risk.

6.663 The site was considered by the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) to be of medium landscape sensitivity. The study found that while the site is open and visually prominent (particularly when viewed from the opposite side of the valley) the existing settlement edge is urbanised. Site-specific landscape mitigation measures could include limiting building heights, limiting development to the higher ground, and advanced planting on the southern boundary.

6.664 There is one Grade II Listed Building within the 400m buffer. The site was considered by the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) which notes that as a farm, the wider agricultural setting is considered to contribute to the overall significance of the asset. The site is not within the immediate setting of the asset and the study considered that development would likely be viewed as part of the existing residential to the west although development may cause adverse effects to its wider setting. Mitigation measures may include screening of the north eastern boundary.

6.665 The findings of the Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study should be used to help inform a master-planning process which should also demonstrate how the site's relationship with the Local Nature Reserves has been managed to ensure impacts on biodiversity are minimised (and net gains in biodiversity provided where possible). A masterplan should also demonstrate how a development scheme could contribute to the priorities and actions proposed for the Cecilly Brook strategic GI corridor (as set out in the Green Infrastructure Strategy), including by establishing coherent ecological networks that are more resilient to current and future pressures, as well as enabling water quality improvements in line with the Water Framework Directive objectives. The potential to accommodate SuDS should be considered to help manage any residual flood risk and to deliver water quality improvements.

6.666 The site was proposed for inclusion in the July 2017 preferred option Local Plan in conjunction with CH001 and includes land for a new Primary School.

CH134A

6.667 The proposed delivery of circa 150 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services, facilities and areas of existing employment is likely to have a positive effect, as could its location away from historic assets. However, the development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land and the remote nature of the site is assessed as having a significant negative effect, as could the site's partial location within flood zone 2 and 3.

6.668 The site may be subject to risk from flooding. The Council's Green Belt review concluded that the site makes a significant contribution to the purposes of the Green Belt and should not be considered for release. A landscape impact assessment is required.

6.669 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

CH134B

6.670 The proposed delivery of circa 150 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services, facilities and areas of existing employment is likely to have a positive effect, as could its location away from historic assets. However, the development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land and the remote nature of the site is assessed as having a significant negative effect, as could the site's partial location within flood zone 2 and 3.

6.671 The site may be subject to risk from flooding. The Council's Green Belt review concluded that the site makes a significant contribution to the purposes of the Green Belt and should not be considered for release. A landscape impact assessment is required.

6.672 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

CH135A

6.673 The proposed delivery of circa 160 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as its proximity to areas of existing employment. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services and facilities is likely to have a positive effect, as could its location away from historic assets. However, the development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land is assessed as having a significant negative effect, as could the site's partial location within flood zone 2 and 3.

6.674 The site may be subject to risk from flooding. The Council's Green Belt review concluded that the site makes a significant contribution to the purposes of the Green Belt and should not be considered for release. A landscape impact assessment is required.

6.675 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

CH135B

6.676 The proposed delivery of circa 110 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as its proximity to areas of existing employment. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services and facilities is likely to have a positive effect. However, the development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land is assessed as having a significant negative effect. The site's proximity to historic assets is likely to have a negative effect.

6.677 The Council's Green Belt review concluded that the site makes a significant contribution to the purposes of the Green Belt and should not be considered for release. A landscape impact assessment is required.

6.678 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

CH135C

6.679 The proposed delivery of circa 130 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services, facilities and areas of existing employment is likely to have a positive effect, as could its location away from historic assets. However, the development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land is assessed as having a significant negative effect, as could the site's partial location within flood zone 2 and 3.

6.680 The site may be subject to risk from flooding. The Council's Green Belt review concluded that the site makes a significant contribution to the purposes of the Green Belt and should not be considered for release. A landscape impact assessment is required.

6.681 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

CH165

6.682 The proposed delivery of circa 26 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services, facilities and areas of existing employment is likely to have a positive effect. However, the development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land is assessed as having a significant negative effect. The site's proximity to historic assets is likely to have a negative effect.

6.683 The Council's Green Belt review concluded that the site makes a significant contribution to the purposes of the Green Belt and should not be considered for release. The site lies within the area considered to form an important landscape setting to the settlement. A landscape impact assessment is required.

6.684 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

Employment sites

CH094

6.685 The development of new employment premises should have a significant positive effect on the vitality and viability of the District, strengthen economic growth and support a higher level of employment within the District. Similarly, site's location away from historic assets is likely to have a positive effect. However, the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land and the site's ecological value is likely to have a negative effect.

6.686 The Council's Green Belt review concluded that the site makes a contribution to the purposes of the Green Belt and should not be considered for release.

6.687 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

CH136

6.688 The development of new employment premises should have a significant positive effect on the vitality and viability of the District, strengthen economic growth and support a higher level of employment within the District. Similarly, site's location away from historic assets is likely to have a positive effect. However, the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land and the site's ecological value is likely to have a negative effect.

6.689 The Council's Green Belt review concluded that the site could be considered for release from the Green Belt whilst retaining a Green Belt designation washed over the land.

6.690 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

Additional sites

ADD05 (CH084)

6.691 The proposed delivery of circa 50 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as could the site's proximity to areas of existing employment. However, the site's proximity to historic assets is likely to have a significant negative effect, as could the site's partial location within a flood zone. The site's proximity to designated assets and the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land are assessed as having negative effects.

6.692 The site is at risk from flooding although It is understood that development is proposed on the north western section of the site to avoid areas outside flood zone 1. The site is adjacent to The Eaves and Mobberley Farm (both Grade II listed). Landscape and heritage impact assessments are required.

6.693 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

Additional sites appraised following July 2017 consultation

CH146 and CH147 (Land north of Park Drive and adjacent to Bungalow Farm) - employment use

6.694 The development of new employment premises should have a significant positive effect upon the vitality and viability of the District, strengthen economic growth and support a higher level of employment within the District. Similarly, the site's accessibility to other services and facilities is likely to have a positive effect, as could its location away from flood zones 2 and 3. In addition the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area, considered as an area for sustainable tourism and rural regeneration. However, the development of greenfield land within Green Belt and the important landscape setting to the settlement is likely to lead to negative effects. Similarly the site is indicated on the predictive map of best and most versatile agricultural land as partly within an area where 20 - 60% of the land is likely to be bmv and partly within an area where over 60% of the land is likely, so development of this site may result in the loss of best and most versatile agricultural land. The site is within the mineral safeguarding area for bedrock sand and this is assessed as having a negative effect. An applicant should be required to provide an NPPF compliant heritage statement, ecological survey and landscape impact assessment.

6.695 This site was not proposed to be taken forward as part of the Local Plan published for representations in February 2018.

Land at Friars Close

6.696 The proposed delivery of circa 5 dwellings is considered to have a positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services, facilities and areas of existing employment is likely to have positive effects, as is its location outside flood zones 2 and 3. However, the development of greenfield land within the Green Belt, the important landscape setting to the settlement and within the mineral safeguarding area for bedrock sand is assessed as having negative effects. The site's proximity to heritage assets is also likely to have a negative effect. An applicant should be required to provide an NPPF compliant heritage statement. Ecological survey and landscape impact assessments are also required.

6.697 This site was not proposed to be taken forward as part of the Local Plan published for representations in February 2018.

Three sites at Brookhouses - employment use

- **Site 1: Land at junction of Delphouse Road and Draycott Cross Road (eastern part of CH137)**
- **Site 2: Land south west of Haden House Farm**
- **Site 3: Land south west of New Haden Road / north of Harplow Lane (north west tip of CH094 and northern part of CH125)**

6.698 The development of new employment premises should have a significant positive effect on the vitality and viability of the District, strengthen economic growth and support a higher level of employment within the District. Similarly, the sites' location away from heritage assets and floodzones 2 and 3 are likely to have positive effects. However negative effects are likely to result from the development of greenfield land where sites are indicated on the predictive map of best and most versatile agricultural land as within areas where less than or equal to 20% of the land is likely to be BMV (site 2 and part of site 3); 20-60% of the land is likely (site 1) and where greater than 60% of the land is likely to be BMV (remaining part of site 3) such that development of the sites may result in the loss of best and most versatile agricultural land. The southern part of site 2 and all of site 3 are within the mineral safeguarding area for bedrock sand and this is also liklely to lead to negative effects. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area and other landscape impact. The sites lie within parcel S15 (land to the west of Cheadle, south of the A521) identified in the Council's Green Belt study as helping to maintain the western edge of Cheadle and thereby the broader separation of Cheadle from the Stoke conurbation to the west. Given the wooded nature of the sites, potential ecological value is also likely to have a negative effect.

6.699 The sites were not proposed to be taken forward as part of the Local Plan published for representations in February 2018.

CH083 (Land east of Abbot's Haye, Cherry Lane)

6.700 The proposed delivery of circa 20 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as could the site's location outside of flood zones 2 and 3. However the site is remote from the main urban area and its lack of accessibility to a range of services and facilities is likely to have a negative effect. Similarly negative effects are likely to result from the development of a greenfield site, indicated on the predictive map of best and most versatile agricultural land as within an area where 20-60% of the land is likely to be BMV, such that development of this site could result in the loss of best and most versatile land. The site also lies within the mineral safeguarding area for bedrock sand. The site's proximity to designated natural and heritage assets is likely to lead to negative effects. An applicant should be required to provide an NPPF compliant heritage statement. The site is also considered to form part of the remnant historic landscape associated with grade II* listed Hales Hall. Landscape impact and ecological assessments are also required.

6.701 The site was not proposed to be taken forward as part of the Local Plan published for representations in February 2018.

Larger Villages

Alton

Sites (5+ dwellings) within the current development boundary

AL024 (only small part within development boundary)

6.702 The proposed delivery of circa 12 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to areas of existing employment which is likely to have a significant negative effect. The site's proximity to historic assets and ecological value is likely to have a negative effect.

6.703 Landscape and heritage impact assessments are required.

6.704 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

Sites (5+ dwellings) outside the current development boundary

AL012

6.705 The proposed delivery of circa 18 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to areas of existing employment which is likely to have a significant negative effect. The site's proximity to historic assets and ecological value is likely to have a negative effect. The site is indicated on the predictive map of Best and Most Versatile agricultural land as within an area likely to be urban / industrial.

6.706 The site is located on the southern edge of the village, comprising an individual property (and surrounding gardens) located on the B5032, and the adjacent field to the south. Outline planning permission for 13 dwellings is pending: SMD/2014/0824.

6.707 This site was taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

6.708 The site was considered by the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) to be of low landscape sensitivity. The study found that an existing strong, vegetated settlement edge is defined by a thick hedgerow on the southern boundary of the field to the south of the site. The Extended Phase 1 Habitat Surveys and Local Wildlife Site Assessment (May 2017) considered that the site has medium ecological value in its potential to support protected species. The site habitats are considered to be of nature conservation value at local and site level. However, more information is required regarding the species rich hedgerow and the potential for bat roosts in the building and trees.

6.709 There are five Grade II Listed Buildings and one Conservation Area within the 400m buffer. The site was considered by the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) which notes that the site was well screened with vegetation on the east, west and southern sides. The study considered that to the north, there was no inter-visibility between the site and the Conservation Area due to the intervening buildings and that development would be unlikely to cause adverse effects to their settings.

6.710 The site was proposed to be carried forward into the July 2017 preferred option Local Plan with planning permission pending.

AL019

6.711 The proposed delivery of circa 43 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's proximity to services and facilities, albeit limited, is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to areas of existing employment which is likely to have a significant negative effect. The development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is assessed as having a negative effect, as is the site's proximity to historic assets and a SSSI.

6.712 The site is within 600m of Saltersford Lane Meadows SSSI (which encompasses two species rich hay meadows) and within 400m of one scheduled monument, one grade II* listed asset and twenty nine grade II listed assets. Landscape, ecology and heritage impact assessments are required.

6.713 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

AL022

6.714 The proposed delivery of circa 20 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's proximity to services and facilities, albeit limited, is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to areas of existing employment which is likely to have a significant negative effect, as could the proximity of the site to a SSSI. The site's proximity to historic assets is likely to have a negative effect.

6.715 The site is within 500m of Saltersford Lane Meadows SSSI (which encompasses two species rich hay meadows) and within 400m of one scheduled monument and twenty four grade II listed assets. Landscape, ecology and heritage impact assessments are required.

6.716 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

AL025

6.717 The proposed delivery of circa 60 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's proximity to health care services and facilities is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to areas of existing employment which is likely to have a significant negative effect. The development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is assessed as having a negative effect, as is the site's proximity to historic assets and ecological value.

6.718 The site is within 1000m of Saltersford Lane Meadows SSSI (which encompasses two species rich hay meadows) and within 400m of one scheduled monument, one grade II* listed asset and twenty five grade II listed assets. One of the grade II listed assets - Turnditch Farmhouse is within 50m of the site. Landscape, ecology and heritage impact assessments are required.

6.719 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

AL026

6.720 The proposed delivery of circa 43 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's proximity to health care services and facilities is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to areas of existing employment

which is likely to have a significant negative effect. The development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is assessed as having a negative effect, as is the site's proximity to historic assets and a SSSI.

6.721 The site is within 1000m of Saltersford Lane Meadows SSSI (which encompasses two species rich hay meadows) and within 400m of eight grade II listed assets. Landscape, ecology and heritage impact assessments are required.

6.722 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

AL027

6.723 The proposed delivery of circa 45 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's proximity to services and facilities is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to areas of existing employment which is likely to have a significant negative effect. The development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is assessed as having a negative effect, as is the site's proximity to historic assets and a SSSI.

6.724 The site is within 500m of Saltersford Lane Meadows SSSI (which encompasses two species rich hay meadows) and within 400m of two scheduled monuments, one grade I listed asset, five grade II* listed assets and forty one grade II listed assets. Landscape, ecology and heritage impact assessments are required.

6.725 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

Additional sites appraised following July 2017 consultation

AL013

6.726 The proposed delivery of circa 75 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's proximity to health care services and facilities is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is relatively inaccessible to areas of existing employment which is likely to have a significant negative effect. The development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is also assessed as having a negative effect, as is the site's proximity to natural and historic assets and potential impacts on landscape quality and the availability of non renewable resources.

6.727 This site was not proposed to be taken forward as part of the Local Plan published for representations in February 2018.

Biddulph Moor

Sites (5+ dwellings) - within the current Green Belt

BM008

6.728 The proposed delivery of circa 18 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of existing employment and low ecological value is likely to have a positive effect. However, the inaccessibility of services and facilities is likely to have a significant negative effect. Similarly, the development of mixed brownfield and greenfield, grade 4 ALC land and the site's proximity to historic assets is assessed as having a negative effect.

6.729 The Council's Green Belt review did not recommend considering the site for release from the Green Belt. The site lies within the area considered to form an important landscape setting to the settlement and is within 400m of one grade II listed asset. Landscape and heritage impact assessments are required.

6.730 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

BM013

6.731 The proposed delivery of circa 65 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of existing employment is likely to have a positive effect. However, the inaccessibility of services and facilities is likely to have a significant negative effect. Similarly, the development of greenfield land (indicated on the predictive map of Best and Most Versatile agricultural land as within an area likely to be urban / industrial) is assessed as having a negative effect, as is the site's proximity to historic assets and the ecological value of the site.

6.732 The Council's Green Belt Review concluded that the site could be considered for release from the Green Belt if exceptional circumstances can be demonstrated. The site lies within the area considered to form an important landscape setting to the settlement and is within 400m of one grade II listed asset. Landscape and heritage impact assessments are required.

6.733 Part of the site adjacent to Parklands / Hot Lane (18 dwellings) was taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

6.734 The site is located on the north-eastern edge of Biddulph Moor, between Hot Lane and Rudyard Road. The site is L-shaped and comprises sections of fields. The Extended Phase 1 Habitat Surveys and Local Wildlife Site Assessment (May 2017) considered that the site has some potential to support protected species. The site habitats are considered to be of nature conservation value at site level only. However more information is required regarding the potential for great crested newts and reptiles.

6.735 The site was considered by the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) to be of partly low and partly medium landscape sensitivity. The study found that visual prominence of the site increases to the east, as the distance from the settlement edge increases; the site is open to the north, and long distance views are available from this direction. Site-specific landscape mitigation measures could include phased development and additional advanced planting adjacent to Hot Lane.

6.736 There is one Grade II building within the 400m buffer. The site was considered by the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) which notes that there was no inter-visibility between the site and asset due to the topography and intervening buildings.

6.737 The site was not proposed for inclusion in the July 2017 preferred option Local Plan.

BM014A

6.738 The proposed delivery of circa 15 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of existing employment is likely to have a positive effect. However, the inaccessibility of services and facilities is likely to have a significant negative effect. Similarly, the development of greenfield land (indicated on the

predictive map of Best and Most Versatile agricultural land as within an area likely to be urban / industrial) is assessed as having a negative effect, as is the site's proximity to historic assets and the ecological value of the site.

6.739 The Council's Green Belt Review concluded that the site could be considered for release from the Green Belt if exceptional circumstances can be demonstrated. The site lies within the area considered to form an important landscape setting to the settlement. Landscape and heritage impact assessments are required.

6.740 Part of the site along New Street (6 dwellings) was taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016. The site comprises part of the private garden of a residential property (315 New Street) on the south-western edge of the settlement. The site is generally enclosed by development.

6.741 The Extended Phase 1 Habitat Surveys and Local Wildlife Site Assessment (May 2017) considered that the habitats on site are of nature conservation value at the site level only. These habitats are not listed as important habitats in the Staffordshire SBI guidelines and therefore the site does not currently qualify for consideration as an SBI or as a BAS. Species recorded on site were common and widespread both at a county and national level and it is considered highly unlikely that the site supports notable protected species, although further survey for badger should be undertaken.

6.742 There are no designated heritage assets within the 400m buffer. The site was considered by the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) to be of medium landscape sensitivity. The study found that the site in isolation does not relate to the settlement pattern. Site-specific landscape mitigation measures could include phased development (ensuring the site is developed in combination with BM014b) and that proposals are accompanied by an overall landscape mitigation plan to cover all sites.

6.743 The site was not proposed for inclusion in the July 2017 preferred option Local Plan.

BM014B

6.744 The proposed delivery of circa 25 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of existing employment is likely to have a positive effect, as could its location away from historic assets and designated assets. However, the inaccessibility of services and facilities is likely to have a significant negative effect. Similarly, the development of greenfield land (indicated on the predictive map of Best and Most Versatile agricultural land as within an area likely to be urban / industrial) is assessed as having a negative effect.

6.745 The Council's Green Belt Review concluded that the site could be considered for release from the Green Belt if exceptional circumstances can be demonstrated. The site lies within the area considered to form an important landscape setting to the settlement. Landscape and heritage impact assessments are required.

6.746 Part of the site along Chapel Lane (9 dwellings) was taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016. The site comprises two small fields divided by Bankhouse Farm on Chapel Street, on the south-western edge of the settlement. There are no designated heritage assets within the 400m buffer.

6.747 The Extended Phase 1 Habitat Surveys and Local Wildlife Site Assessment (May 2017) considered that the site has low potential to support protected species. The site habitats are considered to be of nature conservation value at site level only. However more information is required regarding the potential for bat roosts on the site.

6.748 The site was considered by the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) to be of low landscape sensitivity. The study found that the site is generally enclosed by development, and is within the settlement form.

6.749 The site was not proposed for inclusion in the July 2017 preferred option Local Plan.

BM021

6.750 The proposed delivery of circa 7 dwellings is considered to have a positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of existing employment is likely to have a positive effect, as could its location away from designated assets. However, the inaccessibility of services and facilities is likely to have a significant negative effect. Similarly, the development of greenfield land (indicated on the predictive map of Best and Most Versatile agricultural land as within an area likely to be urban / industrial) is assessed as having a negative effect, as is its location near to historic assets.

6.751 The Council's Green Belt review did not recommend considering the site for release from the Green Belt. The site lies within the area considered to form an important landscape setting to the settlement and is within 400m of one grade II listed asset. Landscape and heritage impact assessments are required.

6.752 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

BM029

6.753 The proposed delivery of circa 12 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of existing employment is likely to have a positive effect. However, the inaccessibility of services and facilities is likely to have a significant negative effect. Similarly, the development of greenfield land (indicated on the predictive map of Best and Most Versatile agricultural land as within an area likely to be urban / industrial) is assessed as having a negative effect, as is its location near to historic assets and the ecological value of the site.

6.754 The site comprises a small field on the north-eastern edge of the settlement, north of Rudyard Road. The Council's Green Belt Review concluded that the site could be considered for release from the Green Belt if very special circumstances can be demonstrated. The site lies within the area considered to form an important landscape setting to the settlement and is within 400m of one grade II listed building. Landscape and heritage impact assessments are required.

6.755 The site was taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

6.756 The Extended Phase 1 Habitat Surveys and Local Wildlife Site Assessment (May 2017) considered that the site has low potential to support protected species. The site habitats are considered to be of nature conservation value at site level only. However more information is required regarding the scattered trees on site.

6.757 The site was considered by the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) which notes that there was no inter-visibility between the site and listed asset due to the topography and intervening buildings.

6.758 The site was considered by the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) to be of medium landscape sensitivity. The study found that the site is not visually prominent due to screening provided by vegetation on the field boundaries, and existing properties located to the east and west of the site however it the site is separated from the settlement edge to the west by 51 Rudyard Road and BM013. Site-specific landscape mitigation measures could include phased development (ensuring site is developed in combination with BM013) and a proposal is accompanied by an overall landscape mitigation plan to cover the sites.

6.759 The site was not proposed for inclusion in the July 2017 preferred option Local Plan.

BM030

6.760 The proposed delivery of circa 60 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of existing employment is likely to have a positive effect, as could its location away from designated assets. However, the inaccessibility of services and facilities is likely to have a significant negative effect. Similarly, the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is assessed as having a negative effect, as is its location near to historic assets.

6.761 The Council's Green Belt review did not recommend considering the site for release from the Green Belt. The site lies within the area considered to form an important landscape setting to the settlement and is within 400m of one grade II listed asset. Landscape and heritage impact assessments are required.

6.762 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

BM031

6.763 The proposed delivery of circa 60 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of existing employment is likely to have a positive effect. However, the inaccessibility of services and facilities is likely to have a significant negative effect. Similarly, the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is assessed as having a negative effect, as is its location near to historic assets and the ecological value of the site.

6.764 The Council's Green Belt review did not recommend considering the site for release from the Green Belt. The site lies within the area considered to form an important landscape setting to the settlement and is within 400m of one grade II listed asset. Landscape and heritage impact assessments are required.

6.765 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

BM032

6.766 The proposed delivery of circa 30 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of existing employment is likely to have a positive effect. However, the inaccessibility of services and facilities is likely to have a significant negative effect. Similarly, the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is assessed as having a negative effect, as is its location near to historic assets.

6.767 The Council's Green Belt review did not recommend considering the site for release from the Green Belt. The site lies within the area considered to form an important landscape setting to the settlement and is within 400m of one grade II listed asset. Landscape and heritage impact assessments are required.

6.768 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

BM035

6.769 The proposed delivery of circa 35 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of existing employment is likely to have a positive effect. However, the inaccessibility of services and facilities is likely to have a significant negative effect. Similarly, the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is assessed as having a negative effect, as is its location near to historic assets.

6.770 The Council's Green Belt review did not recommend considering the site for release from the Green Belt. The site lies within the area considered to form an important landscape setting to the settlement and is within 400m of one grade II listed asset. Landscape and heritage impact assessments are required.

6.771 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

Additional sites appraised following July 2017 consultation

Land at Church Lane (including small part of BM012)

6.772 The proposed delivery of circa 3 dwellings is considered to have a positive effect. Similarly, the re-use of previously developed land is likely to have a positive effect. However, the inaccessibility of services and facilities is likely to have a negative effect. Similarly, the development of a partly greenfield site within the important landscape setting to the settlement and potential impact on heritage assets are considered likely negative effects.

6.773 This site was not proposed to be taken forward as part of the Local Plan published for representations in February 2018.

Blythe Bridge & Forsbrook

Sites (5+ dwellings) - within the current development boundary

BB021 - residential

6.774 The proposed delivery of circa 30 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as is the accessibility of the site to services and facilities and public transport. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of existing employment is likely to have a positive effect, as could the site's location away from historic assets. However, there is scope that the site could be designated SBI land which would have a significant negative effect, as

would the partial flood zone 2 and 3 designation of the site. Similarly, the development of greenfield land indicated on the predictive map of Best and Most Versatile agricultural land as within an area likely to be urban / industrial is assessed as having a negative effect.

6.775 This site has also been appraised for potential employment use - see para XXX.

6.776 The site is likely to be affected to some degree by flood risk and if taken forward will require the support of the Sequential Test and a Level 2 SFRA. The Council's 2014 Ecology Study considers that the site could qualify as an SBI for its floral diversity.

6.777 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

Sites (5+ dwellings) - outside the current development boundary

BB027/28

6.778 The proposed delivery of circa 27 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as is the accessibility of the site to services and facilities and public transport. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of existing employment is likely to have a positive effect, as could the site's location away from historic assets. However, the site is partially within flood zone 2 and 3 which is likely to have a significant negative effect. Similarly, the site is adjacent to Blythe Bridge Woods BAS which would have a negative effect, as would the development of greenfield, urban ALC land.

6.779 The Council's Green Belt review did not recommend considering the site for release from the Green Belt. The site is likely to be affected to some degree by flood risk and if taken forward will require the support of the Sequential Test and a Level 2 SFRA.

6.780 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

BB040

6.781 The proposed delivery of circa 12 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services and facilities is likely to have a positive effect, as could the site's location away from historic assets. However, the development of greenfield, urban ALC land is assessed as having a negative effect, as is the ecological value of the site and the inaccessibility of areas of existing employment.

6.782 Previous land use may have caused contamination; remediation and mitigation measures may be required to protect the water environment and human health. The Council's Green Belt Review concluded that the site could be considered for release from the Green Belt. The site lies within the area considered to form an important landscape setting to the settlement.

6.783 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

BB041 (ADD011)

6.784 The proposed delivery of circa 50 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services and facilities is likely to have a positive effect, as could the site's location away from historic assets. However, the development of greenfield land forming part of the landscape setting to the settlement

(indicated on the predictive map of Best and Most Versatile agricultural land as within an area likely to be urban / industrial) is assessed as having a negative effect, as is the ecological value of the site and the inaccessibility of areas of existing employment.

6.785 Site comprises fields to the north of the settlement, sloping down from Caverswell Old Road towards the settlement edge (rear of properties on Caverswell Road). The Council's Green Belt Review concluded that the site could be considered for release from the Green Belt if exceptional circumstances can be demonstrated.

6.786 This site was taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

6.787 Staffordshire Wildlife Trust has noted that two north-western fields within this site are considered to be good quality semi-improved grassland. The hedgerows are potentially diverse, with good structure and mature trees. There are two ponds on the site which could potentially support great crested newts and other amphibians such as Common Toad, further ecological surveys are required.

6.788 There are no designated heritage assets within the 400m buffer. The site was considered by the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) to be of low landscape sensitivity. The study found that the site is generally screened by existing development; vegetation (particularly the hedgerow on Caverswell Old Road); and topography, as the land continues to rise to a ridge to the north of the site, thus screening long distance views from this direction. The study considered that development of the site would fit in well within the existing settlement form, and would create a well defined, vegetated settlement edge.

6.789 The site was not proposed for inclusion in the July 2017 preferred option Local Plan.

BB044

6.790 The proposed delivery of circa 30 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to public transport is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is partially within flood zone 2 and 3 which is likely to have a significant negative effect. Similarly, the development of greenfield land indicated on the predictive map of Best and Most Versatile agricultural land as within an area likely to be urban / industrial is assessed as having a negative effect, as is the ecological value of the site and the inaccessibility of areas of existing employment.

6.791 The Council's Green Belt Review concluded that the site could be considered for release from the Green Belt if exceptional circumstances can be demonstrated. The site lies within the area considered to form an important landscape setting to the settlement. The site is likely to be affected to some degree by flood risk and if taken forward will require the support of the Sequential Test and a Level 2 SFRA. The Council's Ecological Study suggested that the site's wet woodland area may be regarded as a UKBAP priority habitat.

6.792 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

BB045

6.793 The proposed delivery of circa 15 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to public transport is likely to have a positive effect. The site's location away from historic assets is likely to have a positive effect. However, the development of greenfield, urban ALC land is assessed as having a negative effect, as is the ecological value of the site.

6.794 The site lies within the area considered to form an important landscape setting to the settlement. The Council's Green Belt review did not recommend considering the site for release from the Green Belt.

6.795 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

BB054

6.796 The proposed delivery of circa 70 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services, facilities and areas of existing employment is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site's partial location within a flood zone is assessed as having a significant negative effect. The development of greenfield land indicated on the predictive map of Best and Most Versatile agricultural land as within an area likely to be urban / industrial is assessed as having a negative effect, as is the ecological value of the site and the proximity of historic assets.

6.797 The site comprises agricultural land surrounding Wood Grove Farm on the south eastern edge of the settlement, south-west of Draycott Old Road. The site is likely to be affected to some degree by flood risk and if taken forward will require the support of the Sequential Test and a Level 2 SFRA. The Council's Green Belt Review concluded that the site could be considered for release from the Green Belt if exceptional circumstances can be demonstrated and in the context of wider land in this location.

6.798 This site was taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

6.799 The Extended Phase 1 Habitat Survey (2015) considered that the site mainly consists of species poor improved grassland used as grazing. The remaining habitats are species poor and very common within the local area and the UK as a whole. However there are two trees are present on or adjacent to the site that could support roosting bats, further survey is required.

6.800 The site was considered by the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) to be of high landscape sensitivity. The study found that the site is adjacent to the end of linear development on Draycott Old Road, but is otherwise separated from the edge of the settlement by agricultural land. The study considered that site does not relate to the existing settlement form such that development would adversely affect the settlement pattern, adversely affecting the existing vegetated settlement edge and encroaching on the countryside.

6.801 There is one Grade II Listed Building within the 400m buffer. Mitigation including screening along the northern boundary could reduce adverse effects to the setting of the asset.

6.802 The site was not proposed for inclusion in the July 2017 preferred option Local Plan.

BB062

6.803 The proposed delivery of circa 20 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services and facilities is likely to have a positive effect, as could the site's location away from historic assets. However, the development of greenfield, urban ALC land is assessed as having a negative effect, as is the ecological value of the site.

6.804 The Council's Green Belt review did not recommend considering the site for release from the Green Belt. This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

BB086

6.805 The proposed delivery of circa 15 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services and facilities is likely to have a positive effect, as could the site's location away from historic assets. However, the development of greenfield, urban ALC land is assessed as having a negative effect, as is the ecological value of the site.

6.806 The Council's Green Belt review did not recommend considering the site for release from the Green Belt. This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

BB087 - residential

6.807 The proposed delivery of circa 46 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services and facilities is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site's proximity to historic assets is likely to have a negative effect. The development of greenfield, urban ALC land is assessed as having a negative effect, as is the ecological value of the site.

6.808 (This site has also been assessed for employment use, see para XXX below.)

6.809 The Council's Green Belt Review concluded that the site could be considered for release from the Green Belt if exceptional circumstances can be demonstrated. The site lies within the area considered to form an important landscape setting to the settlement. The site is likely to be affected to some degree by flood risk and if taken forward will require the support of the Sequential Test and a Level 2 SFRA.

6.810 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

Other uses

BB021 - employment

6.811 The development of new employment premises should have a significant positive effect on the vitality and viability of the District, strengthen economic growth and support a higher level of employment within the District, as is the accessibility of the site to services and facilities and public transport. Similarly, the site's location away from historic assets is likely to have a positive effect. However, there is scope that the site could be designated SBI land which would have a significant negative effect, as would the partial flood zone 2 and 3 designation of the site. Similarly, the development of greenfield, urban ALC land is assessed as having a negative effect.

6.812 The site is likely to be affected to some degree by flood risk and if taken forward will require the support of the Sequential Test and a Level 2 SFRA. The Council's Ecology Study considers that the site could qualify as an SBI for its floral diversity.

6.813 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

BB087 - employment

6.814 The development of new employment premises should have a significant positive effect on the vitality and viability of the District, strengthen economic growth and support a higher level of employment within the District. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services and facilities is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site's proximity to historic assets is likely to have a significant negative effect. The development of greenfield, urban ALC land is assessed as having a negative effect, as is the ecological value of the site.

6.815 The Council's Green Belt Review concluded that the site could be considered for release from the Green Belt if exceptional circumstances can be demonstrated. The site lies within the area considered to form an important landscape setting to the settlement. The site is likely to be affected to some degree by flood risk and if taken forward will require the support of the Sequential Test and a Level 2 SFRA.

6.816 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

Additional sites appraised following April 2016 consultation

Blythe Vale Strategic Site (Identified in Core Strategy as Policy SS8 Blythe Bridge Regional Investment Site) - potential mixed use including residential

6.817 The proposed delivery of circa 300 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's good strategic location (with regional significance) has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of the wider District and could encourage investment in people, jobs and infrastructure. However, the development of greenfield land, partly within the important landscape setting to the settlement, and indicated on the predictive map of Best and Most Versatile land as an area where more than 60% of the land is likely to be BMV, is assessed as having a significant negative effect, similarly the potential ecological value of the site and the effects on climate change resulting from the likelihood of the location supporting journeys made by car, are assessed as negative.

6.818 This site is a long standing allocation, having been allocated in the Staffordshire Moorlands Local Plan which was adopted in 1998 and subsequently included as an allocation in the Staffordshire Moorlands Core Strategy, which was adopted in 2014.

6.819 The site comprises large areas of agricultural land extending south-east from Blythe Bridge (at the junction of the A50 and A521) and located either side of the A50. The site contains some previous development, comprising residential properties and Stone House Farm on Woodlands Lane, and Woodlands farm to the south of the A50. The site is enclosed by a railway line to the south-west.

6.820 The Extended Phase 1 Habitat Surveys and Local Wildlife Site Assessment (May 2017) considered that the improved grassland, arable, hard-standing, tall ruderal vegetation, buildings, species-poor hedgerow and scattered trees were of importance to nature conservation at the site level only. However the single length of species-rich hedgerow in the northern area of the site was considered to be of importance at the local level. There is

reasonable potential that it may qualify as an SBI or a BAS dependent on further survey. The ponds are of at least local importance to nature conservation and appear to qualify as both an SBI or a BAS. Further survey is required. Species recorded on site were common and widespread both at a county and national level and, subject to further survey, it is considered unlikely that the site significantly supports any notable protected species.

6.821 There is one Grade II Listed Building within the 400m buffer. The Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) considered that due to the topography of the landscape, there was no inter-visibility between the site and the asset and that development would be highly unlikely to adversely affect the setting of the heritage asset.

6.822 The site was considered by the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) to be of medium or high landscape sensitivity. The study found that the existing settlement edge to Blythe Bridge is well-defined and vegetated, with the A50 and A521 providing a strong limit to development. It was considered that development of the site could lead to coalescence between Blythe Bridge and Draycott, with physical and visual coalescence potentially arising in the northern section of the site, and visual coalescence between these two settlements arising in the southern section of the site (especially when viewed from higher ground to the south-west). Site-specific landscape mitigation measures recommended included planting within and on the edges of the development, and limits on building sizes and scale.

6.823 The site was proposed for inclusion in the preferred options Local Plan July 2017.

Additional sites appraised following July 2017 consultation

Land at Uttoxeter Road

6.824 The proposed delivery of circa 210 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as is the accessibility of the site to services and facilities and public transport. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of existing employment is likely to have a positive effect, as could the site's location away from historic assets. However, the site is subject to surface water flooding which is likely to have a negative effect. Similarly, the development of a large greenfield site within the Green Belt and the mineral safeguarding area for superficial sand and gravel is likely to have a negative effect.

6.825 This site was not proposed to be taken forward as part of the Local Plan published for representations in February 2018.

BB042 / BB043

6.826 The proposed delivery of circa 190 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to public transport is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is part of the important landscape setting to settlement which is likely to have a negative effect, as is the potential impact on heritage assets. Similarly, the development of greenfield, urban ALC land within Green Belt and the mineral safeguarding area for bedrock sand is assessed as having a negative effect, as is the potential ecological value of the site and the inaccessibility of areas of existing employment.

6.827 This site was not proposed to be taken forward as part of the Local Plan published for representations in February 2018.

Brown Edge

Sites (5+ dwellings) - within the current development boundary

BE003A

6.828 The site's proximity to the village centre could reduce the need to travel and as such have a positive effect on climate change which is likely to have a significant positive effect. The proposed delivery of circa 6 dwellings is considered to have a positive effect, as is its distance away from historic assets and low ecological value. However, the site is relatively inaccessible to services and facilities and areas of existing employment which is likely to have a significant negative effect. Similarly, the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is assessed as having a negative effect.

6.829 The site is within the Brown Edge village development boundary and could come forward at any time. This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

Sites (5+ dwellings) - within the current Green Belt

BE032

6.830 The proposed delivery of circa 35 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's low ecological value is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is relatively inaccessible to services and facilities and areas of existing employment which is likely to have a significant negative effect. Similarly, the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is assessed as having a negative effect, as is the site's proximity to historic assets.

6.831 The Council's Green Belt Review concluded that the site could be considered for release from the Green Belt. The site has a culverted watercourse flowing beneath it which should be re-naturalised through re-development to contribute to Water Framework Directive objectives.

6.832 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

BE041

6.833 The proposed delivery of circa 50 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's distance away from historic assets is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is relatively inaccessible to services and facilities and areas of existing employment which is likely to have a significant negative effect. Similarly, the development of greenfield land (indicated on the predictive map of Best and Most Versatile agricultural land as within an area likely to be urban / industrial) is assessed as having a negative effect, as is the ecological value of the site.

6.834 Site comprises a field on the southern edge of Brown Edge, enclosed by a combination of existing residential development, or trees and hedgerows. The site lies within the area considered to form an important landscape setting to the settlement. The Council's Green Belt Review concluded that the site could be considered for release from the Green Belt if exceptional circumstances can be demonstrated. Development could be part of the enhancement of recreational opportunities in this location, the site bordering scrubland and well-used footpaths running southwards towards Stockton Brook.

6.835 This site was taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

6.836 The Extended Phase 1 Habitat Surveys and Local Wildlife Site Assessment (May 2017) considered that the site has some potential to support protected species. The site habitats are considered to be of nature conservation value at site level only. However more information is required regarding the species-rich hedgerow and the potential for roosting bats on site.

6.837 There are no designated heritage assets within the 400m buffer. The site was considered by the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) to be of low landscape sensitivity. The study found that the site slopes down from a track on the north-east boundary to Willfield Lane on the south-west boundary and considered the higher land to the north-east of the site to have higher visual prominence, with long distance views available to the south-west. The study considered that development would be viewed behind and adjacent to existing development.

6.838 The site was not proposed for inclusion in the July 2017 preferred option Local Plan.

BE044

6.839 The proposed delivery of circa 20 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's distance away from historic assets is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is relatively inaccessible to services and facilities and areas of existing employment which is likely to have a significant negative effect. Similarly, the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is assessed as having a negative effect, as is the ecological value of the site.

6.840 The site lies within the area considered to form an important landscape setting to the settlement. The Council's Green Belt review did not recommend considering the site for release from the Green Belt.

6.841 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

BE045

6.842 The proposed delivery of circa 35 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's distance away from historic assets is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is relatively inaccessible to services and facilities and areas of existing employment which is likely to have a significant negative effect. Similarly, the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is assessed as having a negative effect, as is the ecological value of the site.

6.843 The site lies within the area considered to form an important landscape setting to the settlement. The Council's Green Belt review did not recommend considering the site for release from the Green Belt.

6.844 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

BE056

6.845 The proposed delivery of circa 15 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. However, the site is relatively inaccessible to services and facilities and areas of existing employment which is likely to have a significant negative effect. Similarly, the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is assessed as having a negative effect, as is the ecological value of the site.

6.846 The site is adjacent to farm buildings considered non-desinated heritage assets. The site lies within the area considered to form an important landscape setting to the settlement. The Council's Green Belt review did not recommend considering the site for release from the Green Belt.

6.847 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

BE060

6.848 The proposed delivery of circa 60 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's distance away from designated assets is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is relatively inaccessible to services and facilities and areas of existing employment which is likely to have a significant negative effect. Similarly, the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is assessed as having a negative effect, as is the site's proximity to historic assets.

6.849 The site lies within the area considered to form an important landscape setting to the settlement. The Council's Green Belt review did not recommend considering the site for release from the Green Belt.

6.850 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

ADD06

6.851 The proposed delivery of circa 15 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the location away from designated assets is considered to have a positive effect. However, the site is relatively inaccessible to services and facilities and areas of existing employment which is likely to have a significant negative effect. Similarly, the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is assessed as having a negative effect, as is the site's proximity to historic assets.

6.852 Site adjoins BE032. The Council's Green Belt Review concluded that site BE032 could be considered for release from the Green Belt if exceptional circumstances can be demonstrated.

6.853 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

Additional sites appraised following the July 2017 consultation

BE035 (land south of Greenfield Close)

6.854 The proposed delivery of circa 20 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's distance away from historic assets is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is relatively inaccessible to services and facilities and areas of existing employment which is likely to have a significant negative effect. Similarly, the

development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land within Green Belt, important landscape setting to settlement and the mineral safeguarding area for silica sand is assessed as having a negative effect, as is the potential ecological value of the site.

6.855 This site was not proposed to be taken forward as part of the Local Plan published for representations in February 2018.

Supermarket, 199 High Lane ST6 8QA

6.856 The proposed delivery of circa 3 dwellings is considered to have a positive effect. Similarly, the site's distance away from historic assets and its location within the village centre are likely to have a positive effect, as is the re-use of previously developed land. However, despite the proposed retention of retail use, the site is relatively inaccessible to other services and facilities and areas of existing employment which is likely to have a negative effect.

6.857 This small site within the existing village boundary site was not proposed to be taken forward as part of the Local Plan published for representations in February 2018.

Cheddleton

Sites (5+ dwellings) - within the current development boundary

CD004

6.858 The proposed delivery of circa 18 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as could the site's proximity to areas of existing employment. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of countryside and open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the inaccessibility of services and facilities is likely to have a significant negative effect. Similarly, the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is assessed as having a negative effect, as is the site's proximity to historic assets and the ecological value of the site.

6.859 The Council's Green Belt review did not recommend considering the site for release from the Green Belt. This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

CD017

6.860 The proposed delivery of circa 29 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as could the site's proximity to areas of existing employment. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of countryside and open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the inaccessibility of services and facilities is likely to have a significant negative effect. Similarly, the site's proximity to historic assets and the ecological value of the site is likely to have a negative effect. The site is indicated on the predictive map of Best and Most Versatile agricultural land as within an area where less than 20% of the land is likely to be BMV.

6.861 Site comprises a residential property on Cheadle Road and the land to the rear of it, north of Bones Lane. It includes a potentially species rich hedgerow. The Council's Green Belt Review concluded that the site could be considered for release from the Green Belt if exceptional circumstances can be demonstrated.

6.862 This site was taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

6.863 The Extended Phase 1 Habitat Surveys and Local Wildlife Site Assessment (May 2017) considered that the site has some potential to support protected species. The site habitats are considered to be of nature conservation value at site level only. However more information is required regarding the species-rich hedgerow and the potential for bats on site.

6.864 There are three Grade II Listed Buildings within the 400m buffer. The Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) found that due to the topography as well as intervening buildings and vegetation, there was no inter-visibility between the site and the assets. The study considered that development would be highly unlikely to adversely affect the settings of the heritage assets. Outside of the 400m buffer, there are a group of Listed Buildings to the north-east of the site. The study found that development may adversely affect their settings. Mitigation including screening along the north-eastern and eastern boundaries of the site was considered likely to reduce any potential effects on the settings of these Listed Buildings.

6.865 The site was considered by the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) to be of low landscape sensitivity. The study found that the existing linear development on Cheadle Road and the development to the south of the site do not currently contribute to a well-defined settlement edge and considered that the site has low visual prominence as it is generally enclosed by development and vegetation.

6.866 The site was not proposed for inclusion in the July 2017 preferred option Local Plan.

CD029

6.867 The site's proximity to areas of existing employment is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the proposed delivery of circa 8 dwellings is likely to have a positive effect, as could the site's accessibility to areas of open countryside and location away from historic assets. However, the inaccessibility of services and facilities is likely to have a significant negative effect. Similarly, the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is assessed as having a negative effect, as is the site's inaccessibility to services and facilities.

6.868 The Council's Green Belt review did not recommend considering the site for release from the Green Belt. This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

CD060/CD118 (mainly outside development boundary)

6.869 The proposed delivery of circa 113 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. However, the inaccessibility of services and facilities is likely to have a significant negative effect. Similarly, the development of greenfield, grade 3 and 4 ALC land is assessed as having a negative effect, as is the site's proximity to historic assets and the inaccessibility of areas of existing employment.

6.870 Site forms part of the setting of Ashcombe Park (Grade II*). The Council's Green Belt review did not recommend considering the site for release from the Green Belt. This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

CD069A

6.871 The proposed delivery of circa 6 dwellings is considered to have a positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open countryside and low ecological value is likely to have a positive effect. However, the inaccessibility of services and facilities is likely to have a significant negative effect. Similarly, the site's inaccessibility to areas of existing employment is likely to have a significant negative effect. The development of greenfield land (indicated on the predictive map of Best and Most Versatile agricultural land as within an area where the land is likely to be urban) is assessed as having a negative effect, as is the site's proximity to historic assets.

6.872 Allocation of the site was considered to be unnecessary as it may be regarded as potential infill. The site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

CD088

6.873 The proposed delivery of circa 7 dwellings is considered to have a positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open countryside is likely to have a positive effect. However, the inaccessibility of services and facilities is likely to have a significant negative effect. Similarly, the site's inaccessibility to areas of existing employment is likely to have a negative effect. The site's proximity to historic assets and the ecological value of the site is likely to have a negative effect.

6.874 Allocation of the site was considered to be unnecessary as it may be regarded as potential infill. The site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

Sites (5+ dwellings) - within the current Green Belt

CD002

6.875 The proposed delivery of circa 26 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of existing employment and open countryside, as well as the site's location away from historic assets is likely to have a positive effect. However, the inaccessibility of services and facilities is likely to have a significant negative effect. Similarly, the development of greenfield land indicated on the predictive map of Best and Most Versatile agricultural land as within an area where less than 20% of the land is likely to be BMV is assessed as having a negative effect, as is the site's ecological value.

6.876 Site comprises a small triangular field on the southern edge of the settlement. The site is enclosed by linear development on Folly Lane to the east; and a strong tree belt/hedgerow to the south-west. The Council's Green Belt Review concluded that the site could be considered for release from the Green Belt if exceptional circumstances can be demonstrated.

6.877 This site was taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

6.878 The Extended Phase 1 Habitat Surveys and Local Wildlife Site Assessment (May 2017) considered that the site has some potential to support protected species. The site habitats are considered to be of nature conservation value at site level only. However more information is required regarding the species-rich hedgerow and bat potential on site.

6.879 There are no designated heritage assets within the 400m buffer. The site was considered by the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) to be of medium landscape sensitivity. The study found that development within the site would have low visual prominence, and the existing vegetation on the south-western boundary would create a well defined, vegetated edge to the settlement. Site-specific landscape mitigation measures could include phased development (ensuring the site is developed in combination with the adjacent CD003).

6.880 The site is adjacent to a watercourse with no mapped floodplain. An assessment of flood risk, including a model of the watercourse, should be undertaken at the planning application stage.

6.881 The site was not proposed for inclusion in the July 2017 preferred option Local Plan.

CD003

6.882 The proposed delivery of circa 70 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as is the site's accessibility to areas of existing employment. Similarly, the site's accessibility to the open countryside is likely to have a positive effect. However, the inaccessibility of services and facilities is likely to have a significant negative effect. Similarly, the development of greenfield land indicated on the predictive map of Best and Most Versatile agricultural land as within an area where less than 20% of the land is likely to be BMV is assessed as having a negative effect, as is the site's ecological value and location near to historic assets.

6.883 Site comprises fields on the southern edge of the settlement. The Council's Green Belt Review concluded that the site could be considered for release from the Green Belt if exceptional circumstances can be demonstrated.

6.884 This site was taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

6.885 The Extended Phase 1 Habitat Surveys and Local Wildlife Site Assessment (May 2017) considered that the site has some potential to support protected species. The site habitats are considered to be of nature conservation value at site level only. However more information is required regarding the bat potential on site.

6.886 There is one Grade II Listed Building within the 400m buffer. The Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) found that due to the intervening buildings between the site and the asset, there was no inter-visibility and considered that development would be highly unlikely to adversely affect the setting of the asset.

6.887 The site was considered by the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) to be of low landscape sensitivity. The study found that the site is enclosed by residential development on Rock End Drive and Millstone Edge to the north; linear development on Folly Lane to the east; and a strong tree belt/hedgerow to the south-west. The study considered that development within the site would have relatively low visual prominence, and the existing vegetation on the southwestern boundary would create a well-defined, vegetated edge to the settlement.

6.888 The site is adjacent to a watercourse with no mapped floodplain. An assessment of flood risk, including a model of the watercourse, should be undertaken at the planning application stage.

6.889 The site was not proposed for inclusion in the July 2017 preferred option Local Plan.

CD007

6.890 The proposed delivery of circa 14 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to the open countryside and areas of existing employment is likely to have a positive effect. However, the inaccessibility of services and facilities is likely to have a significant negative effect. Similarly, the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is assessed as having a negative effect and location near to historic assets.

6.891 The site lies within the area considered to form an important landscape setting to the settlement. The Council's Green Belt review did not recommend considering the site for release from the Green Belt. This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

CD008

6.892 The proposed delivery of circa 23 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as is the site's accessibility to areas of existing employment. Similarly, the site's accessibility to the open countryside is likely to have a positive effect. However, the inaccessibility of services and facilities is likely to have a significant negative effect. Similarly, the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is assessed as having a negative effect and location near to historic assets.

6.893 The site lies within the area considered to form an important landscape setting to the settlement. The Council's Green Belt review did not recommend considering the site for release from the Green Belt. This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

CD015

6.894 The proposed delivery of circa 30 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as is the site's accessibility to areas of existing employment. Similarly, the site's accessibility to the open countryside is likely to have a positive effect. However, the inaccessibility of services and facilities is likely to have a significant negative effect. Similarly, the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is assessed as having a negative effect and location near to historic assets.

6.895 The site lies within the area considered to form an important landscape setting to the settlement. The Council's Green Belt review did not recommend considering the site for release from the Green Belt. This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

CD019

6.896 The proposed delivery of circa 39 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as is the site's accessibility to areas of existing employment. Similarly, the site's accessibility the open countryside is likely to have a positive effect. However, the inaccessibility of services and facilities is likely to have a significant negative effect. Similarly, the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is assessed as having a negative effect and its location near to historic assets.

6.897 The Council's Green Belt review recommends considering the site for release from the Green Belt if exceptional circumstances can be demonstrated. The site forms part of the setting of an historic farmstead considered a local heritage asset. This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

CD115: residential

6.898 The proposed delivery of circa 104 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services, facilities and areas of existing employment is likely to have a positive effect. However, the inaccessibility of services and facilities and development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land is likely to have a significant negative effect. Similarly, the sites proximity to historic assets is likely to have a negative effect.

6.899 The site forms part of the setting of Heath House (Grade II listed). The Council's Green Belt review did not recommend considering the site for release from the Green Belt. This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

Other uses

CD115: alternative uses

6.900 The development of new employment premises should have a significant positive effect on the vitality and viability of the District, strengthen economic growth and support a higher level of employment within the District. Similarly, the provision of housing provided is likely to have a significant positive effect. However, the inaccessibility of services and facilities and development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land is likely to have a significant negative effect. Similarly, the site's proximity to historic assets is likely to have a negative effect.

6.901 The site forms part of the setting of Heath House (Grade II listed). The Council's Green Belt review did not recommend considering the site for release from the Green Belt. This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

Additional sites appraised following July 2017 consultation

Land at Basford Bridge - employment use

6.902 The development of new employment premises should have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of the District, strengthen economic growth and support a higher level of employment within the District. However the site is small and constrained and this will limit the extent of the positive contribution it can make. The site's location within flood zones 2 and 3 and proximity to heritage assets are likely to have negative effects. Similarly potential effects on natural assets and resources and the site's ecological value are considered likely to be negative effects.

6.903 This site was not proposed to be taken forward as part of the Local Plan published for representations in February 2018.

CD101 (Land at Cheadle Road)

6.904 The proposed delivery of circa 30 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space is likely to have a positive effect on health and well-being. However, the inaccessibility of services and facilities is likely to have a negative effect. The site's proximity to historic assets, loss of visual amenity value to the settlement and the potential ecological value of the site are likely to have a negative effect.

6.905 This site was not proposed to be taken forward as part of the Local Plan published for representations in February 2018.

Land south of Caldon Canal (Field 4444, Cheadle Road)

6.906 The proposed delivery of circa 30 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space and location outside floodzones 2 and 3 is likely to have a positive effect. However, the inaccessibility of services and facilities is likely to have a negative effect. Similarly, the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land, part of a linear corridor of natural and semi natural open space running along the canal side is assessed as having a negative effect, as is the site's proximity to heritage assets. Ecological survey is required. An applicant should be required to provide an NPPF compliant heritage statement.

6.907 This site was not proposed to be taken forward as part of the Local Plan published for representations in February 2018.

Endon

Sites (5+ dwellings) - within the current development boundary

EN128

6.908 The proposed delivery of circa 27 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as is the site's proximity to services and facilities. Similarly, the site's accessibility to health care and open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to areas of existing employment which is likely to have a significant negative effect. The site's proximity to historic assets and ecological value is likely to have a negative effect. The site is indicated on the predictive map of Best and Most Versatile agricultural land as within an area where land is likely to be urban / industrial.

6.909 Site comprises a small field of rough grassland within the settlement, which slopes down from Stoney Lane to the playing field of St Luke's primary school. It is currently identified as Visual Open Space, but was not identified for retention as such in the Council's 2008 Landscape and Settlement Character Assessment.

6.910 This site was taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

6.911 The Extended Phase 1 Habitat Survey (2015) considered that the site has fairly low biodiversity value overall, it is set within a mainly urban environment with poor connectivity to the wider countryside. However the site includes a tree with bat roosting potential and a species-rich hedgerow.

6.912 There are three Grade II Listed Buildings and one Conservation Area within the 400m buffer. The Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) found that the site was well screened and there was no inter-visibility between the site and heritage assets. The study considered that development would be highly unlikely to adversely affect the settings of the heritage assets.

6.913 The site was considered by the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) to be of low landscape sensitivity. The study found that the site comprises a gap in development within the settlement and is enclosed by vegetation, the study considered that development would fit well within the existing settlement pattern and would have low visual prominence.

6.914 The presence of a watercourse along the site's southern boundary suggests that flood risk assessment / modelling and early engagement with the County Council and Environment Agency should be required. The potential to accommodate SuDS should be explored along with other measures to help improve water quality in line with the Water Framework Directive objectives.

6.915 The site was proposed for inclusion in the July 2017 preferred option Local Plan.

Sites (5+ dwellings) - within the current Green Belt

EN007

6.916 The proposed delivery of circa 45 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as is the site's proximity to services and facilities. Similarly, the site's accessibility to health care and open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to areas of existing employment which is likely to have a significant negative effect, as could its partial location within a flood zone. The development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is assessed as having a negative effect, as is the site's proximity to historic assets and ecological value.

6.917 The Council's Green Belt Review concluded that the site could be considered for release from the Green Belt if exceptional circumstances can be demonstrated. This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

EN012

6.918 The proposed delivery of circa 24 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services, facilities and open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to areas of existing employment which is likely to have a significant negative effect. The development of greenfield land (indicated on the predictive map of Best and Most Versatile agricultural land as within an area where land is likely to be urban / industrial) is assessed as having a negative effect, as is the site's proximity to historic assets and ecological value.

6.919 The site comprises an L-shaped field on the northern edge of Endon, which encloses the recreation ground at the end of Hillswood Drive. The Council's Green Belt Review concluded that the site could be considered for release from the Green Belt if exceptional circumstances can be demonstrated.

6.920 This site was taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

6.921 The Extended Phase 1 Habitat Surveys and Local Wildlife Site Assessment (May 2017) considered that the habitats have limited ecological value however the site has potential to support protected species. Further surveys are required to establish the potential for bat roosts and the presence of reptiles and amphibians.

6.922 There is one Grade II Listed Building and one Conservation Area within the 400m buffer. The Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) found that there was no inter-visibility between the site and the assets due to the topography and intervening buildings and considered that development would be highly unlikely to adversely affect their settings.

6.923 The site was considered by the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) to be partly of medium and partly high landscape sensitivity. The study found that development within the eastern section of the site would be only partially screened by surrounding vegetation but that development within the western section of the site, north of the recreation ground, would have higher visual prominence when viewed from the surrounding countryside and risked adversely affecting the existing settlement edge. Site-specific landscape mitigation measures could include additional advanced planting on the northern boundary.

6.924 There are potential flood risk issues that will require flood risk assessment / modelling and early engagement with the County Council and Environment Agency.

6.925 The site was not proposed for inclusion in the preferred option Local Plan July 2017.

EN019

6.926 The proposed delivery of circa 8 dwellings is considered to have a positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services, facilities and open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to areas of existing employment which is likely to have a significant negative effect. The development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is assessed as having a negative effect, as is the site's proximity to historic assets and ecological value.

6.927 The Council's Green Belt Review concluded that the site could be considered for release from the Green Belt if exceptional circumstances can be demonstrated. This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

EN024 (residential)

6.928 The proposed delivery of circa 7 dwellings is considered to have a positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services, facilities and open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to areas of existing employment which is likely to have a significant negative effect, as could its partial location within a flood zone. The development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is assessed as having a negative effect, as is the site's proximity to historic assets and ecological value.

6.929 The Council's Green Belt Review concluded that the site could be considered for release from the Green Belt if exceptional circumstances can be demonstrated. The site lies within the area considered to form an important landscape setting to the settlement and is likely to be severely impacted by flood risk; if taken forward it will require the support of the Sequential Test and a Level 2 SFRA.

6.930 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

EN030

6.931 The proposed delivery of circa 10 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services, facilities is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to areas of existing employment which is likely to have a significant negative effect. The development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land partially within flood zone 2 is assessed as having a negative effect, as is the site's proximity to historic assets.

6.932 The site lies at the historic core of the village and is adjacent to the Conservation Area. The site is likely to be affected to some degree by flood risk and if taken forward will require the support of the Sequential Test and a Level 2 SFRA. The Council's Green Belt review did not recommend considering the site for release from the Green Belt.

6.933 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

EN033

6.934 The proposed delivery of circa 12 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as is the accessibility of services and facilities. Similarly, the site's accessibility to health care and open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to areas of existing employment which is likely to have a significant negative effect. The development of greenfield land (indicated on the predictive map of Best and Most Versatile agricultural land as within an area where land is likely to be urban / industrial) is assessed as having a negative effect, as is the site's proximity to historic assets and ecological value.

6.935 Site comprises a small field on the southern edge of the settlement, to the rear of properties on Post Street. The site is bound to the south by an access track to a garage / mechanics business, which encloses the site to the east. The Council's Green Belt Review concluded that the site could be considered for release from the Green Belt if exceptional circumstances can be demonstrated.

6.936 This site was taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

6.937 The Extended Phase 1 Habitat Surveys and Local Wildlife Site Assessment (May 2017) considered that the site has some potential to support protected species. The site habitats are considered to be of nature conservation value at site level only. However more information is required regarding the potential for reptiles and amphibians.

6.938 There is one Grade II Listed Building and one Conservation Area within the 400m buffer. The Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) found that the nature of the Conservation Area (Caldon Canal) and associated Listed Building means that setting contributes little to their overall significance. The study considered that the site was well screened along its southern boundary which limits inter-visibility between the site and the Conservation Area and found that with vegetation screening along the southern edge of the site, development would be unlikely to cause adverse effects to the setting of the Conservation Area.

6.939 The site was considered by the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) to be of low landscape sensitivity. The study found that the site is generally screened by adjacent development. It considered that views towards the site from the south are available, however found that these are partially screened by intervening vegetation and that the site sits well within the existing development form, as it does not extend beyond existing linear development on Post Lane.

6.940 There are existing local flood risk issues that suggest flood risk assessment / modelling and early engagement with the County Council and Environment Agency should be required.

6.941 The site was not proposed for inclusion in the preferred option Local Plan July 2017.

EN079

6.942 The proposed delivery of circa 18 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as is the accessibility of services and facilities. Similarly, the site's accessibility to health care and open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to areas of existing employment which is likely to have a significant negative effect, as could its partial location within a flood zone. The development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is assessed as having a negative effect, as is the site's proximity to historic assets and ecological value.

6.943 The site forms part of the setting of the Scheduled Monument: Audley's Moat and is likely to be severely impacted by flood risk; if the site is taken forward it will require the support of the Sequential Test and a Level 2 SFRA. The Council's Green Belt review did not recommend considering the site for release from the Green Belt.

6.944 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

EN101

6.945 The proposed delivery of circa 54 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services and facilities and open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to areas of existing employment which is likely to have a significant negative effect. The development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is assessed as having a negative effect, as is the site's proximity to historic assets and ecological value.

6.946 The Council's Green Belt Review concluded that the site could be considered for release from the Green Belt if exceptional circumstances can be demonstrated. This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

EN125

6.947 The proposed delivery of circa 14 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to health care and open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to areas of existing employment which is likely to have a significant negative effect. The development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is assessed as having a negative effect, as is the site's proximity to historic assets.

6.948 Most of the site is owned by Endon Well Dressing Trustees and is not available for development. The Council's Green Belt review did not recommend considering the site for release from the Green Belt. This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

EN126

6.949 The proposed delivery of circa 12 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as could its accessibility to services and facilities. Similarly, the site's accessibility to health care and open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to areas of existing employment which is likely to have a significant negative effect, as could its partial location within a flood zone. The development of greenfield land (indicated on the predictive map of Best and Most Versatile agricultural land as within an area where land is likely to be urban / industrial) is assessed as having a negative effect, as is the site's proximity to historic assets and ecological value.

6.950 The site comprises a field on the southern edge of the settlement, north of the canal and adjoining the Caldon Canal Conservation Area. The site is adjacent to linear development on Post Lane but otherwise separated from the settlement edge by EN033. The site is likely to be affected to some degree by flood risk and if taken forward will require the support of the Sequential Test and a Level 2 SFRA. The Council's Green Belt Review concluded that the site could be considered for release from the Green Belt if exceptional circumstances can be demonstrated.

6.951 This site was taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

6.952 The Extended Phase 1 Habitat Surveys and Local Wildlife Site Assessment (May 2017) considered that the site has some potential to support protected species. The site habitats are considered to be of nature conservation value at site level only. However more information is required regarding the potential for bats, reptiles and amphibians.

6.953 There is one Grade II Listed Building and one Conservation Area within the 400m buffer. The Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) found that the nature of the Conservation Area (Caldon Canal) and associated Listed Building means that setting contributes little to their overall significance. However the study considered that due to the location of the site along the edge of the Conservation Area, mitigation should include stepping development back from the southern boundary, as well as employing vegetation screening along the southern boundary.

6.954 The site was considered by the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) to be of high landscape sensitivity. The study found that the site is currently open, and an important contribution to the existing rural approach to the settlement from the south. The study considered that development within the site would be visually prominent and risked adversely affecting local landscape character and the rural approach to Endon.

6.955 A small area to the west of the site is within flood zones 2 and 3. The site boundary should be revised to exclude this area and flood risk assessment / modelling and early engagement with the County Council and Environment Agency should be required.

6.956 The site was not proposed for inclusion in the preferred option Local Plan July 2017.

Other uses

EN024 (employment)

6.957 The development of new employment premises should have a significant positive effect on the vitality and viability of the District, strengthen economic growth and support a higher level of employment within the District. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open countryside, services and facilities and low ecological value is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is partially located within a flood zone which is likely to have a significant negative effect. The development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is assessed as having a negative effect, as is the site's proximity to historic assets.

6.958 The Council's Green Belt Review concluded that the site could be considered for release from the Green Belt if exceptional circumstances can be demonstrated. The site lies within the area considered to form an important landscape setting to the settlement and is likely to be severely impacted by flood risk; if taken forward it will require the support of the Sequential Test and a Level 2 SFRA.

6.959 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

Ipstones

Sites (5+ dwellings) - within the current development boundary

IP019 (partly within development boundary)

6.960 The proposed delivery of circa 35 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services and facilities and areas of existing employment is likely to have a positive effect. However, the development of greenfield land (indicated on the predictive map of Best and Most Versatile agricultural land as within an area where land is likely to be urban / industrial) is assessed as having a negative effect, as is the site's proximity to designated and historic assets and ecological value.

6.961 Site comprises a field on the north-western settlement edge, bound by a recreation ground to the south and a cemetery to the north. This site was taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

6.962 The Extended Phase 1 Habitat Surveys and Local Wildlife Site Assessment (May 2017) considered that the site has some potential to support protected species. The site habitats are considered to be of nature conservation value at site and local level. However more information is required regarding the potential bat roosts.

6.963 There is one Grade II* and 27 Grade II Listed Buildings, and one Conservation Area within the 400m buffer. The Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) found that setting is considered to contribute to the overall significance of the heritage assets, in particular the Grade II* listed church and the Conservation Area. The study considered that development would be likely to adversely affect the setting of the church to the north of the site. These effects could be reduced by restricting development to the eastern half of the site, in line with the existing development to the north, and the use of vegetation screening along the northern boundary.

6.964 The site was considered by the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) to be of medium landscape sensitivity. The study found that the site is enclosed by a tree belt to the south, and generally screened from Church Lane by intervening development and vegetation. The study considered that the site is visually prominent when viewed from the cemetery, and from land to the west. Site-specific landscape mitigation measures could include advance tree planting on the northern and western boundaries, or limiting development to the eastern half of the site.

6.965) Further investigation by the Habitats Regulations Assessment is required due to the site's proximity to a component of the Peak District Dales SAC and the potential for effects of development to result in an in-combination effect in relation to recreational pressure.

6.966 The site was not proposed for inclusion in the preferred option Local Plan July 2017.

Sites (5+ dwellings) - outside the current development boundary

IP011

6.967 The proposed delivery of circa 15 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services and facilities and areas of existing employment is likely to have a positive effect. However, the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is assessed as having a negative effect, as is the site's proximity to historic assets and ecological value.

6.968 The site lies at the historic core of the village. It was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

IP012A

6.969 The proposed delivery of circa 20 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services and facilities and areas of existing employment is likely to have a positive effect. However, the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is assessed as having a negative effect, as is the site's proximity to historic assets and ecological value.

6.970 The site lies at the historic core of the village. It was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

IP014A

6.971 The proposed delivery of circa 35 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services and facilities and areas of existing employment is likely to have a positive effect. However, the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is assessed as having a negative effect, as is the site's proximity to designated and historic assets.

6.972 Previous land use may have caused ground contamination that through redevelopment would present a risk to the water environment and human health. The site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

IP015

6.973 The proposed delivery of circa 22 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as is the site's proximity to areas of existing employment. Similarly, the site's accessibility to health care and open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is in proximity to a designated asset, Churnet Valley SSSI which is likely to have a significant negative effect, as could the site's proximity to listed assets. The development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is assessed as having a negative effect.

6.974 The site forms part of the setting for New House Farm (Grade II listed). The site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

Kingsley

Sites (5+ dwellings) - within the current development boundary

KG024

6.975 The proposed delivery of circa 12 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space and the partial brownfield nature of the site is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities and areas of existing employment, both of which is likely to have a significant negative effect. The site's proximity to designated and historic assets is likely to have a negative effect, as could the site's ecological value.

6.976 The site consists of Glebe House (Grade II listed) and its historic curtilage including a medieval moated site. The site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

KG059

6.977 The proposed delivery of circa 6 dwellings is considered to have a positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities and areas of existing employment, both of which is likely to have a significant negative effect. Similarly, the site's proximity to historic assets and the development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land is likely to also have a significant negative effect. The site's proximity to designated assets is likely to have a negative effect.

6.978 The site forms part of the setting for Church Farm (Grade II listed). The site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

Sites (5+ dwellings) - within the current Green Belt

KG005

6.979 The proposed delivery of circa 7 dwellings is considered to have a positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities and areas of existing employment, both of which is likely to have a significant negative effect. Similarly, development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land is likely to also have a significant negative effect and the site's proximity to historic assets.

6.980 The Council's Green Belt review did not recommend considering the site for release from the Green Belt. This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

KG019

6.981 The proposed delivery of circa 30 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities and areas of existing employment, both of which is likely to have a significant negative effect. Similarly, development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land is likely to also have a significant negative effect. The site's proximity to designated and historic assets is likely to have a negative effect.

6.982 The Council's Green Belt Review concluded that the site could be considered for release from the Green Belt if exceptional circumstances can be demonstrated. This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

KG026A

6.983 The proposed delivery of circa 30 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities and areas of existing employment, both of which is likely to have a significant negative effect. Similarly, development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land is likely to also have a significant negative effect. The site's proximity to designated and historic assets is likely to have a negative effect.

6.984 The Council's Green Belt review did not recommend considering the site for release from the Green Belt. This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

KG026B

6.985 The proposed delivery of circa 50 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities and areas of existing employment, both of which is likely to have a significant negative effect. Similarly, development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land is likely to also have a significant negative effect.

6.986 The Council's Green Belt review did not recommend considering the site for release from the Green Belt. This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

KG030A

6.987 The proposed delivery of circa 25 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities and areas of existing employment, both of which is likely to have a significant negative effect. Similarly, development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land is likely to also have a significant negative effect. The site's proximity to historic assets is likely to have a negative effect.

6.988 The Council's Green Belt review did not recommend considering the site for release from the Green Belt. This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

KG031

6.989 The proposed delivery of circa 20 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities and areas of existing employment, both of which is likely to have a significant negative effect. Similarly, development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land is likely to also have a significant negative effect. The site's proximity to historic assets is likely to have a negative effect.

6.990 The Council's Green Belt review did not recommend considering the site for release from the Green Belt. This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

KG042

6.991 The proposed delivery of circa 30 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities and areas of existing employment, both of which is likely to have a significant negative effect. Similarly, development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land is likely to also have a significant negative effect. The site's proximity to designated and historic assets is likely to have a negative effect.

6.992 The Council's Green Belt review did not recommend considering the site for release from the Green Belt. This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

KG049A

6.993 The proposed delivery of circa 35 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities and areas of existing employment, both of which is likely to have a significant negative effect. Similarly, development of greenfield land indicated on the predictive map of Best and Most Versatile agricultural land as within an area where 20 - 60% of the land is likely to be BMV is also likely to have a significant negative effect. The site's proximity to designated and historic assets is likely to have a negative effect.

6.994 Site comprises the north-western half of a field at on the south-western edge of the village, bound by Cheadle Road (track) to the north-east and residential development to the north-west. The Council's Green Belt Review concluded that the site could be considered for release from the Green Belt if exceptional circumstances can be demonstrated.

6.995 This site was taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

6.996 The Extended Phase 1 Habitat Surveys and Local Wildlife Site Assessment (May 2017) considered that the habitats on site were of nature conservation value at the site level only. Species recorded on site were common and widespread both at a county and national level and it is considered unlikely that the site supports notable protected species, however

surveys should be undertaken to determine the presence or absence of great crested newt in ponds within 250 m of the site, for signs of badger activity and to determine the use of the site by bats.

6.997 There are six Grade II Listed Buildings within the 400m buffer. The Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) found that the Listed Buildings are situated along the main road through the village. The study considered that although there may be some inter-visibility, development would be unlikely to cause high adverse effects to their settings.

6.998 The site was considered by the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) to be of high landscape sensitivity. The study found that the site is visually prominent and extends beyond the existing settlement edge. The study considered that development of the site would encroach into the surrounding countryside and could adversely affect the existing settlement pattern and edge.

6.999 The site was not proposed for inclusion in the preferred option Local Plan July 2017.

Additional sites appraised following July 2017 consultation

KG032 (Land at south of the A52)

6.1000 The proposed delivery of circa 50 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space and potential contribution to the viability of Kingsley are likely to have positive effects. However the site is relatively inaccessible to services and facilities and areas of existing employment, both of which is likely to have a negative effect. Similarly, development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land in the Green Belt and indicated on the predictive map of best and most versatile agricultural land as within an area where 20-60% of the land is likely to best and most versatile, is likely to have a negative effect. The potential ecological value of the site and its proximity to heritage assets are also likely to have a negative effect. An applicant should be required to provide an NPPF compliant heritage statement and to undertake further ecological and landscape impact assessments.

6.1001 This site was not proposed to be taken forward as part of the Local Plan published for representations in February 2018.

Upper Tean

Sites (5+ dwellings) - within the current development boundary

UT011/014

6.1002 The proposed delivery of circa 20 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to health care and areas of existing employment is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is partially located within a flood zone which is likely to have a significant negative effect. The site's proximity to historic assets and ecological value is likely to have a negative effect.

6.1003 This area covers the site of the former dye works to Tean Hall Mill. Archaeological and heritage assessment will be required. The sites are likely to be severely impacted by flood risk; if taken forward they will require the support of the Sequential Test and a Level 2 SFRA.

6.1004 The sites were not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

UT019

6.1005 The proposed delivery of circa 15 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services and facilities is likely to have a positive effect as could the development of brownfield land indicated on the predictive map of Best and Most Versatile agricultural land as within an area likely to be urban. However the site is located in proximity to historic assets which is likely to have a significant negative effect. The site's inaccessibility to areas of existing employment is likely to have a negative effect.

6.1006 The site is an existing depot within the centre of the settlement, south of St Thomas's Road. It is within the Upper Tean Conservation Area and adjoins several properties on the High Street that are Grade II listed; a Heritage Impact Assessment will be required.

6.1007 This site was taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

6.1008 The Extended Phase 1 Habitat Surveys and Local Wildlife Site Assessment (May 2017) considered that the site has low potential to support protected species. The site habitats are considered to be of nature conservation value at site level only. However more information is required regarding the scattered trees on site in order to establish their ecological importance.

6.1009 There are two Grade II* and ten Grade II Listed Buildings within the 400m buffer. The Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) found that the site is currently used as a work yard which adversely affects the character of the Conservation Area and the Listed Buildings. The study considered that sensitive development could enhance the Conservation Area. Master-planning should be required to identify mitigation measures that could include vegetation screening along the southern boundary to reduce effects to the settings of the Listed Buildings.

6.1010 The site was considered by the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) to be of low landscape sensitivity. The study found that the site is enclosed by development on all sides, and considered that it is not visually prominent and fits within the settlement pattern. As a previously developed site, the risk of contamination should be addressed.

6.1011 The site was proposed for inclusion in the preferred option Local Plan July 2017.

Sites (5+ dwellings) - within the current Green Belt

UT012

6.1012 The proposed delivery of circa 50 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to health care and areas of existing employment is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is partially located within a flood zone which is likely to have a significant negative effect. The development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is likely to have a negative effect as could the site's proximity to historic assets.

6.1013 The site is likely to be impacted by flood risk to some degree and if taken forward will require the support of the Sequential Test and a Level 2 SFRA. The site has outline planning permission for up to 67 dwellings (SMD/2015/0424).

UT018

6.1014 The proposed delivery of circa 25 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to health care and areas of existing employment is likely to have a positive effect. However, the development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land is likely to have a significant negative effect. The ecological value of the site is likely to have a negative effect.

6.1015 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

UT021

6.1016 The proposed delivery of circa 20 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as could the site's accessibility to areas of existing employment. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services and facilities is likely to have a positive effect. However, the development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land is likely to have a significant negative effect. The ecological value of the site and its proximity to historic assets is likely to have a negative effect.

6.1017 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

UT022

6.1018 The proposed delivery of circa 15 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as could the site's accessibility to areas of existing employment. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services and facilities is likely to have a positive effect. However, the development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land is likely to have a significant negative effect, as could the site's partial location within a flood zone. The site's proximity to historic assets is likely to have a negative effect.

6.1019 The site is likely to be affected to some degree by flood risk; if taken forward it will require the support of the Sequential Test and a Level 2 SFRA. The site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

UT023

6.1020 The proposed delivery of circa 50 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as could the site's accessibility to areas of existing employment. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land is likely to have a significant negative effect, as could the site's partial location within a flood zone. The site's proximity to historic assets and ecological value is likely to have a negative effect.

6.1021 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

UT024

6.1022 The proposed delivery of circa 40 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as could the site's accessibility to areas of existing employment. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services and facilities is likely to have a positive effect. However, the development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land is likely to have a significant negative effect. The site's proximity to historic assets is likely to have a negative effect.

6.1023 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

UT041

6.1024 The proposed delivery of circa 50 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of existing employment and open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is likely to have a negative effect, as could the site's proximity to historic assets.

6.1025 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

Additional sites appraised following July 2017 consultation

Land at Uttoxeter Road, Upper Tean

6.1026 The proposed delivery of circa 60 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as could the site's accessibility to areas of existing employment and other services and facilities within Upper Tean. However, the development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land indicated on Natural England's predictive map of best and most versatile agricultural land as within an area where greater than 60% of the land is likely to be BMV is likely to have a significant negative effect. Similarly the potential landscape impact, ecological value of the site and its proximity to heritage assets are all likely to have a negative effect. An applicant should be required to provide an NPPF compliant heritage statement, landscape impact and ecological appraisals.

6.1027 This site was not proposed to be taken forward as part of the Local Plan published for representations in February 2018.

The Wentlows, 64 Cheadle Road

6.1028 The proposed delivery of circa 24 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to open space and health care is likely to have a positive effect, as is its location outside flood zones 2 and 3. However the site is considered to form part of Local Green Space 45 and as such its development could be expected to result in negative effects on the social and environmental quality of the village centre. Similarly the impact on green infrastructure and contribution to ecological networks is likely to lead to a negative effect. The site lies within the mineral safeguarding areas for bedrock sand and superficial sand and gravel which is also likely to have a negative effect, as is the site's proximity to heritage assets. An applicant should be required to provide an NPPF compliant heritage statement. Landscape impact and ecological surveys are also required.

6.1029 This site was not proposed to be taken forward as part of the Local Plan published for representations in February 2018.

Waterhouses

Sites (5+ dwellings) - within the current development boundary

WA004 (mixed use)

6.1030 The proposed delivery of circa 36 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services and facilities is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site's proximity to a designated asset is likely to have a negative effect. The development of greenfield land (indicated on the predictive map of Best and Most Versatile agricultural land as within an area likely to be urban) is likely to also have a negative effect, as could the site's proximity to historic assets and the inaccessibility of areas of existing employment.

6.1031 The site comprises Waterhouses Enterprise Centre and the adjacent fields on the western edge of the village, north of the A523. The Council's ecological study has indicated that the northern section of the site has some semi-improved grassland which is of importance. Appropriate conservation and mitigation measures will need to be considered.

6.1032 This site was taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

6.1033 The Extended Phase 1 Habitat Surveys and Local Wildlife Site Assessment (May 2017) considered that the site has some potential to support protected species. The semi-improved, species-rich neutral grassland was considered to be of district importance as it is fairly uncommon within the locality. The other site habitats are considered to be of nature conservation value at site level only. However a detailed grassland vegetation survey is required.

6.1034 There are four Grade II Listed Buildings within the 400m buffer. The Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) found that sensitive development would be highly unlikely to cause adverse effects to the settings of the assets due to the intervening buildings and vegetation. Master-planning should be required.

6.1035 The site was considered by the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) to be of medium landscape sensitivity. The study found that the site is open and located beyond the existing settlement edge, however due to the topography and vegetation within the surrounding landscape, and the existing development within Waterhouses, views of the site are limited. The study considered that development within the site would be partially visible from the National Park, however it would be viewed behind existing development in Waterhouses. Site-specific landscape mitigation measures could include additional advanced planting on the western and northern boundaries, and limited building heights and sizes. The presence of the semi-improved grassland on site will also need to be addressed.

6.1036 Further investigation by the Habitats Regulations Assessment is required due to the site's proximity to a component of the Peak District Dales SAC and the potential for effects of development to result in an in-combination effect in relation to recreational pressure.

6.1037 The site was proposed for inclusion in the preferred option Local Plan July 2017.

Sites (5+ dwellings) - outside the current development boundary

WA005

6.1038 The proposed delivery of circa 40 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as is the site accessibility to areas of existing employment. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services and facilities is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site's proximity to a designated asset is likely to have a negative effect. The development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is likely to also have a negative effect, as could the site's proximity to historic assets.

6.1039 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

WA006

6.1040 The proposed delivery of circa 30 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as is the site accessibility to areas of existing employment. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services and facilities is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site's proximity to a designated asset is likely to have a negative effect. The development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is likely to also have a negative effect, as could the site's proximity to historic assets.

6.1041 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

Werrington & Cellarhead

Sites (5+ dwellings) - within the current development boundary

WE018

6.1042 The proposed delivery of circa 24 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as is the accessibility of services and facilities. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to areas of existing employment which would have a significant negative effect, as would the site's proximity to designated assets. Similarly, the site's proximity to historic assets is assessed as having a negative effect.

6.1043 Site has planning consent for 31 dwellings (SMD/2014/0764).

Sites (5+ dwellings) - within the current Green Belt

WE003

6.1044 The proposed delivery of circa 85 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as is the accessibility of services and facilities. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to areas of existing employment which would have a significant negative effect, as would the site's proximity to designated assets. Similarly, the development of greenfield land (indicated on the predictive map of Best and Most Versatile agricultural land as within an area likely to be urban) and the site's proximity to historic assets is assessed as having a negative effect.

6.1045 A relatively large site on the southern edge of Werrington, comprising three fields generally enclosed by development. The Council's Green Belt Review concluded that the site could be considered for release from the Green Belt if exceptional circumstances can be demonstrated and with the northern part of the site being open space to preserve its openness. The capacity of this site has been lowered from 85 to 50 dwellings to take this into account.

6.1046 This site was taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

6.1047 The Extended Phase 1 Habitat Surveys and Local Wildlife Site Assessment (May 2017) considered that the site has some potential to support protected species. The site habitats are considered to be of nature conservation value at site level only. However more information is required regarding the potential for bat roosts on site.

6.1048 There is one Grade II Listed Building within the 400m buffer. The Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) found that due to the intervening buildings, there was no inter-visibility between the site and the asset. The study considered that development would be highly unlikely to adversely affect the setting of the asset.

6.1049 The site was considered by the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) to be of medium landscape sensitivity. The study found that vegetation is located on the southern boundary, however due to the sloping nature of the site, it provides limited screening. The study considered that the site forms a gap in existing development and fits well within the existing settlement pattern. Site-specific landscape mitigation measures could include planting on the south-eastern and southern boundaries. Presence of species rich hedgerows need to be addressed.

6.1050 The site was proposed for inclusion in the preferred option Local Plan July 2017.

WE013

6.1051 The proposed delivery of circa 10 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as is the accessibility of services and facilities. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to areas of existing employment which would have a significant negative effect, as would the site's proximity to designated assets. Similarly, the development of greenfield land (indicated on the predictive map of Best and Most Versatile agricultural land as within an area likely to be urban) and the site's proximity to historic assets is assessed as having a negative effect.

6.1052 Site comprises Little Ash Farm, a single residential property, and the surrounding grounds. The site lies within the area considered to form an important landscape setting to the settlement. The Council's Green Belt Review concluded that the site could be considered for release from the Green Belt if exceptional circumstances can be demonstrated.

6.1053 This site was taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

6.1054 The Extended Phase 1 Habitat Surveys and Local Wildlife Site Assessment (May 2017) considered WE013 and WE027 together and found that the habitats on site were of nature conservation value at the site level only. Species recorded on site were common and widespread both at a county and national level and it is considered unlikely that the site supports notable protected species.

6.1055 There are two Grade II Listed Building within the 400m buffer. The Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) found that due to the intervening buildings, there was no inter-visibility between the site and the assets. The study considered that development would be highly unlikely to adversely affect the settings of the assets.

6.1056 The site was considered by the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) to be of medium landscape sensitivity. The study found that the site is located to the rear of linear development on the A52 and is enclosed by trees and hedgerows to the south, resulting in low visual prominence. Site-specific landscape mitigation measures could include planting on the south-eastern boundary.

6.1057 The site is adjacent to a watercourse with no mapped floodplain; the flood risk to the site should be quantified. The site was not proposed for inclusion in the preferred option Local Plan July 2017.

WE019

6.1058 The proposed delivery of circa 50 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services and facilities and areas of open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to areas of existing employment which would have a significant negative effect, as would the site's proximity to designated assets. Similarly, the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land and the site's proximity to historic assets is assessed as having a negative effect.

6.1059 This allocation would extend the settlement closer to Wetley Moor SSSI such that new housing would be within 150m of the SSSI at the nearest point. The Council's Green Belt review did not recommend considering the site for release from the Green Belt. This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

WE027

6.1060 The proposed delivery of circa 20 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as could the site's accessibility to services and facilities. Similarly, the site's to areas of open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site's accessibility to areas of existing employment which would have a significant negative effect, as would the site's proximity to designated assets. Similarly, the development of greenfield land (indicated on the predictive map of Best and Most Versatile agricultural land as within an area likely to be urban) and the site's proximity to historic assets is assessed as having a negative effect.

6.1061 Land to the rear of linear development on the A52, to the east of Ash Farm; the site lies within the area considered to form an important landscape setting to the settlement. The Council's Green Belt Review concluded that the site could be considered for release from the Green Belt if exceptional circumstances can be demonstrated.

6.1062 This site was taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

6.1063 The Extended Phase 1 Habitat Surveys and Local Wildlife Site Assessment (May 2017) considered WE013 and WE027 together and found that the habitats on site were of nature conservation value at the site level only. Species recorded on site were common and widespread both at a county and national level and it is considered unlikely that the site supports notable protected species.

6.1064 There are two Grade II Listed Building within the 400m buffer. The Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) found that due to the intervening buildings, there was no inter-visibility between the site and the assets. The study considered that development would be highly unlikely to adversely affect the settings of the assets.

6.1065 The site was considered by the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) to be of low landscape sensitivity. The study found the site has low visual prominence and is generally enclosed by development and vegetation, although the vegetation on the southern boundary is more sparse.

6.1066 The site is adjacent to a watercourse with no mapped floodplain; the flood risk to the site should be quantified. The site was not proposed for inclusion in the preferred option Local Plan July 2017.

WE033

6.1067 The proposed delivery of circa 60 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to areas of existing employment which would have a significant negative effect. Similarly, the site's inaccessibility to services and facilities and areas of open space is likely to have a negative effect. Also, the site's ecological value is likely to have a negative effect, as could the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land and the site's proximity to historic assets is assessed as having a negative effect.

6.1068 The Council's Green Belt review did not recommend considering the site for release from the Green Belt. This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

WE040

6.1069 The proposed delivery of circa 7 dwellings is considered to have a positive effect, as is the accessibility to services and facilities and areas of open space. However, the site is inaccessible to areas of existing employment which would have a significant negative effect, as would the site's proximity to designated and historic assets. Similarly, the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is likely to have a negative effect.

6.1070 The Council's Green Belt Review concluded that the site could be considered for release from the Green Belt if exceptional circumstances can be demonstrated. The site lies within the area considered to form an important landscape setting to the settlement and the allocation would extend the settlement closer to Wetley Moor SSSI such that new housing would be within 150m of the SSSI at the nearest point.

6.1071 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

WE041

6.1072 The proposed delivery of circa 22 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services and facilities and areas of open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to areas of existing employment which would have a significant negative effect, as would the site's proximity to designated and historic assets. Similarly, the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is likely to have a negative effect.

6.1073 The Council's Green Belt review did not recommend considering the site for release from the Green Belt. The site lies within the area considered to form an important landscape setting to the settlement and the allocation would extend the settlement closer to Wetley Moor SSSI such that new housing would be within 150m of the SSSI at the nearest point.

6.1074 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

WE052

6.1075 The proposed delivery of circa 25 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as is the site's accessibility to services and facilities. Similarly, the site's accessibility to open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to areas of existing employment which would have a significant negative effect. The site's proximity to designated and historic assets is likely to have a negative effect, as could the development of greenfield land (indicated on the predictive map of Best and Most Versatile agricultural land as within an area likely to be urban).

6.1076 A relatively large site on the southern edge of Werrington, comprising three fields generally enclosed by development except for the southern edge which is open. The Council's Green Belt Review concluded that the site could be considered for release from the Green Belt if exceptional circumstances can be demonstrated.

6.1077 This site was taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

6.1078 The Extended Phase 1 Habitat Surveys and Local Wildlife Site Assessment (May 2017) considered the site habitats to be of nature conservation value at site level only and not eligible for possible SBI / BAS status. However the five trees on site have the potential to support bats and as such require further assessment.

6.1079 There is one Grade II Listed Building within the 400m buffer. The Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) found that due to the intervening buildings, there was no inter-visibility between the site and the asset. The study considered that development would be highly unlikely to adversely affect the setting of the asset.

6.1080 The site was considered by the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) to be of medium landscape sensitivity. The study found vegetation is located on the southern boundary, however due to the sloping nature of the site it provides limited screening. The study considered that the site forms a gap in existing development and fits well within the existing settlement pattern. Site-specific landscape mitigation measures could include planting on the south-eastern and southern boundaries.

6.1081 The site was proposed for inclusion in the preferred option Local Plan July 2017.

WE053

6.1082 The proposed delivery of circa 15 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services and facilities and areas of open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to areas of existing employment which would have a significant negative effect, as would the site's proximity to historic assets. The site's proximity to designated assets is likely to have a negative effect, as could the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land.

6.1083 The Council's Green Belt review did not recommend considering the site for release from the Green Belt. This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

WE069

6.1084 The proposed delivery of circa 6 dwellings is considered to have a positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services and facilities and areas of open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to areas of existing employment which would have a significant negative effect, as would the site's proximity to historic assets. The site's proximity to designated assets is likely to have a negative effect, as could the development of greenfield land (indicated on the predictive map of Best and Most Versatile agricultural land as within an area likely to be urban).

6.1085 The site is a small field on the southern edge of Werrington, north-east of Square Meadow Farm and enclosed by linear development on the A52 to the east and west. The Council's Green Belt Review concluded that the site could be considered for release from the Green Belt if exceptional circumstances can be demonstrated.

6.1086 This site was taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

6.1087 The Extended Phase 1 Habitat Surveys and Local Wildlife Site Assessment (May 2017) considered the site habitats to be of nature conservation value at site level only and not eligible for possible SBI / BAS status. The site has limited ecological value and is unlikely to support any protected species other than foraging bats, birds and badgers. However the 5 trees on site require further assessment.

6.1088 There is one Grade II Listed Building within the 400m buffer. The Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) found that due to the intervening buildings, there was no inter-visibility between the site and the asset. The study considered that development would be highly unlikely to adversely affect the setting of the asset.

6.1089 The site was considered by the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) to be of low landscape sensitivity. The study found the site is bound to the north by the A52, with a thick hedgerow on the northern boundary generally screening views from the road. The study considered the site to have low visual prominence, including when viewed from the south as screening is provided by intervening vegetation and development.

6.1090 The site was not proposed for inclusion in the preferred option Local Plan July 2017.

WE070

6.1091 The proposed delivery of circa 12 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services and facilities and areas of open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to areas of existing employment which would have a significant negative effect. The site's proximity to designated and historic assets is likely to have a negative effect, as could the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land.

6.1092 The Council's Green Belt Review concluded that the site could be considered for release from the Green Belt if exceptional circumstances can be demonstrated. The site lies within the area considered to form an important landscape setting to the settlement. It is noted that the land owner has stated that the site is not available for development.

6.1093 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

Other uses

WE001

6.1094 The development of new employment premises should have a significant positive effect on the vitality and viability of the District, strengthen economic growth and support a higher level of employment within the District. Similarly, the site's low ecological value is likely to have a positive effect. However, the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is assessed as having a negative effect, as is the proximity to historic assets and distance away from services and facilities and areas of open space.

6.1095 The Council's Green Belt Review concluded that the site could be considered for release from the Green Belt if exceptional circumstances can be demonstrated. This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

WE002

6.1096 The development of new employment premises should have a significant positive effect on the vitality and viability of the District, strengthen economic growth and support a higher level of employment within the District. However, the remote nature of the site is likely to have a significant negative effect. The development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is assessed as having a negative effect, as is the proximity to historic assets, ecological value and distance away from services and facilities and areas of open space.

6.1097 It was not considered that the site was required to meet the District's rural employment land needs. This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

Additional sites appraised June 2017

WE042 / WE043 (Land off Tregaron Court/Langton Court)

6.1098 The proposed delivery of circa 105 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services and facilities and areas of open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to areas of existing employment which would have a significant negative effect, as would the site's proximity to designated assets. Similarly, the development of greenfield land with the potential for loss of best and most versatile agricultural land and the site's proximity to historic assets is assessed as having a negative effect.

6.1099 The Council's Green Belt Review concluded that the site could be considered for release from the Green Belt if exceptional circumstances can be demonstrated. This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in July 2017.

Additional sites appraised following July 2017 consultation

WE064

6.1100 The proposed delivery of circa 20 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. However, the site is relatively inaccessible to services and facilities and areas of existing employment which is likely to have a significant negative effect. Similarly, the development of an open countryside greenfield, grade 4 ALC land within the Green Belt and the mineral safeguarding area for bedrock sand and silica sand is assessed as having a negative effect, as is the proximity to historic assets. The site is within 100m from a candidate AQMA, there is potential for negative impact on air quality.

6.1101 This site was not proposed to be taken forward as part of the Local Plan published for representations in February 2018.

Wetley Rocks

Suitable sites (5+ dwellings) - within the current development boundary

WR002

6.1102 The proposed delivery of circa 29 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space and low ecological importance of the site is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities and areas of existing employment, both of which is likely to have a significant negative effect, as could the site's proximity to designated and historic assets. The development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is likely to have a negative effect.

6.1103 The site lies within the area considered to form an important landscape setting to the settlement. It was not considered necessary to include the site as an allocation in the Plan since it lies within the existing development boundary. Part of the site has existing permission for residential development.

6.1104 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

WR015 (small part of site only is within development boundary)

6.1105 The proposed delivery of circa 20 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space and low ecological value of the site is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities and areas of existing employment, both of which is likely to have a significant negative effect. The development of greenfield land (indicated on the predictive map of Best and Most Versatile agricultural land as within an area likely to be urban) is likely to have a negative effect, as could the site's proximity to historic assets.

6.1106 Site comprises a field within the north-east of the settlement, located to the rear of linear development on the A520 and south of Mill Lane. The site lies within the area considered to form an important landscape setting to the settlement. The Council's Green Belt Review concluded that the site could be considered for release from the Green Belt if exceptional circumstances can be demonstrated.

6.1107 This site was taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

6.1108 The Extended Phase 1 Habitat Surveys and Local Wildlife Site Assessment (May 2017) considered the site habitats to be of nature conservation value at local level only, although they have some potential to support protected species such as Badger, Brown hare, Hedgehog and foraging bats.

6.1109 There are three Grade II Listed Buildings within the 400m buffer. The Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) found that development would have the potential to adversely affect the setting of the church to the north-west of the site. The study considered that a mitigation strategy including the use of vegetation screening along the north-west and southern boundaries of the site would reduce effects to the heritage assets.

6.1110 The site was considered by the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) to be of low landscape sensitivity. The study found that the site is enclosed by Mill Lane to the north, linear development on the A520 to the south as well as development to the west, resulting in relatively low visual prominence. The study considered that the site fits well within the existing settlement form as it forms a gap in development on Mill Lane.

6.1111 There are local issues with surface water flooding, including a poor quality culvert downstream under Leek Road, early engagement with the Environment Agency and County Council flood team should be required.

6.1112 The site was not proposed for inclusion in the preferred option Local Plan July 2017.

Sites (5+ dwellings) - within the current Green Belt

WR005

6.1113 The proposed delivery of circa 13 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities and areas of existing employment, both of which is likely to have a significant negative effect. The development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is likely to have a negative effect, as could the site's proximity to historic assets and ecological value.

6.1114 The Council's Green Belt review did not recommend considering the site for release from the Green Belt. This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

WR014A

6.1115 The proposed delivery of circa 12 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to areas of existing employment and services and facilities which is likely to have a significant negative effect. The development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is likely to have a negative effect, as could the site's proximity to historic assets and ecological value.

6.1116 The site lies within the area considered to form an important landscape setting to the settlement. The Council's Green Belt review did not recommend considering the site for release from the Green Belt. This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

Additional sites appraised following July 2017 consultation

Land to the rear of SMD/2016/0609 (Land at Leek Road)

6.1117 The proposed delivery of circa 25 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space and the village centre of Wetley Rocks is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is relatively inaccessible to wider services and facilities, including areas of existing employment, which is likely to have a negative effect, as could the site's proximity to heritage assets. The development of greenfield land in the green belt, forming part of the important landscape setting to the settlement, and indicated on the predictive map of best and most versatile agricultural land as within an area where 20-60% of the land is likely to be best and most versatile, is likely to have a negative effect. An applicant should be required to provide an NPPF compliant heritage statement, as well as landscape impact and ecological assessments.

6.1118 This site was not proposed to be taken forward as part of the Local Plan published for representations in February 2018.

WR024 (Playing field between Randles Lane and Leek Road)

6.1119 The proposed delivery of circa 25 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's location outside of flood zones 2 and 3 and its potential to make a contribution to the viability of the village of Wetley Rocks are considered to be positive effects. However development of the site would result in the loss of a playing field and children's play space and the associated loss of amenity and impact on health is likely to have a significant negative effect. Similarly the site's inaccessibility to areas of existing employment and other services and facilities is likely to have a significant negative effect. The development of a greenfield site in the green belt and within the important landscape setting to the settlement and mineral safeguarding area for silica sand is likely to result in negative effects, as could the site's proximity to heritage assets and potential ecological value. An applicant should be required to provide an NPPF compliant heritage statement, as well as landscape impact and ecological assessments.

6.1120 This site was not proposed to be taken forward as part of the Local Plan published for representations in February 2018.

Smaller Villages

Bagnall

Sites (5+ dwellings) - within the current Green Belt

BG008

6.1121 The proposed delivery of circa 10 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as could the site's accessibility to areas of existing employment. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space is likely to have a positive effect. However,

the site is inaccessible to services and facilities which is likely to have a significant negative effect, as could the site's proximity to historic assets. The development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land and the ecological value of the site is likely to also have a negative effect.

6.1122 This site is in Bagnall Conservation Area and the impact of development on the historic settlement form requires further consideration. The Council's Green Belt Review concluded that the site could be considered for release from the Green Belt if exceptional circumstances can be demonstrated.

6.1123 Bagnall is defined in the Core Strategy as a smaller village. In line with the proposed development approach no site allocations were proposed as preferred options for consultation in April 2016. An infill boundary was proposed in to accommodate delivery of new homes. Similarly no site allocations were proposed as preferred options for consultation in July 2017, however the infill boundary proposal was replaced by a criteria based approach to support sustainable infill development.

BG014

6.1124 The proposed delivery of circa 10 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as could the site's accessibility to areas of existing employment. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities which is likely to have a significant negative effect, as could the site's proximity to historic assets. The development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land and the ecological value of the site is likely to also have a negative effect.

6.1125 The Council's Green Belt review did not recommend considering the site for release from the Green Belt.

6.1126 Bagnall is defined in the Core Strategy as a smaller village. In line with the proposed development approach no site allocations were proposed as preferred options for consultation in April 2016. An infill boundary was proposed to accommodate delivery of new homes. Similarly no site allocations were proposed as preferred options for consultation in July 2017, however the infill boundary proposal was replaced by a criteria based approach to support sustainable infill development.

BG015

6.1127 The proposed delivery of circa 10 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as could the site's accessibility to areas of existing employment. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities which is likely to have a significant negative effect, as could the site's proximity to historic assets. The development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land and the ecological value of the site is likely to also have a negative effect.

6.1128 The Council's Green Belt review did not recommend considering the site for release from the Green Belt.

6.1129 Bagnall is defined in the Core Strategy as a smaller village. In line with the proposed development approach no site allocations were proposed as preferred options for consultation in April 2016. An infill boundary was proposed to accommodate delivery of new homes. Similarly no site allocations were proposed as preferred options for consultation in July 2017, however the infill boundary proposal was replaced by a criteria based approach to support sustainable infill development.

Blackshaw Moor

Sites (5+ dwellings) - within the draft infill boundary

BL006

6.1130 The proposed delivery of circa 12 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as could the site's accessibility to areas of existing employment. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities which is likely to have a significant negative effect. The development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land and the ecological value of the site is likely to have a negative effect.

6.1131 Blackshaw Moor is defined in the Core Strategy as a smaller village. In line with the proposed development approach no site allocations were proposed as preferred options for consultation in April 2016. An infill boundary was proposed to accommodate delivery of new homes. Similarly no site allocations were proposed as preferred options for consultation in July 2017, however the infill boundary proposal was replaced by a criteria based approach to support sustainable infill development.

BL007

6.1132 The site's accessibility to areas of existing employment is considered to have a significant positive effect. The proposed delivery of 7 dwellings is likely to have a positive effect, as could the site's accessibility to areas of open space. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities which is likely to have a significant negative effect. The development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is likely to have a negative effect.

6.1133 Blackshaw Moor is defined in the Core Strategy as a smaller village. In line with the proposed development approach no site allocations were proposed as preferred options for consultation in April 2016. An infill boundary was proposed to accommodate delivery of new homes. Similarly no site allocations were proposed as preferred options for consultation in July 2017, however the infill boundary proposal was replaced by a criteria based approach to support sustainable infill development.

OC050 Former Anzio Camp

6.1134 The potential delivery of some housing and extra care units is considered to have a positive effect, as could the site's accessibility to areas of open space and possible contribution to investment in tourism. However the site is inaccessible to services and facilities which is likely to have a significant negative effect, as is the potential impact on landscape character and the setting of the Peak District National Park. Similarly the proximity to an SBI is likely to lead to negative effects.

Caverswall

Sites (5+ dwellings) - within the infill boundary

CV005

6.1135 The proposed delivery of circa 10 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities and areas of existing

employment which is likely to have a significant negative effect, as could the development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land and the site's proximity to historic assets. The ecological value of the site is likely to have a negative effect.

6.1136 This site is in the Conservation Area and the impact of development on the historic settlement form requires further consideration.

6.1137 Caverswall is defined in the Core Strategy as a smaller village. In line with the proposed development approach no site allocations were proposed as preferred options for consultation in April 2016. An infill boundary was proposed to accommodate delivery of new homes. Similarly no site allocations were proposed as preferred options for consultation in July 2017, however the infill boundary proposal was replaced by a criteria based approach to support sustainable infill development.

Sites (5+ dwellings) - within the current Green Belt

CV004

6.1138 The proposed delivery of circa 8 dwellings is considered to have a positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space and low ecological value of the site is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities and areas of existing employment which is likely to have a significant negative effect, as could the development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land and the site's proximity to historic assets.

6.1139 The Council's Green Belt Review concluded that the site could be considered for release from the Green Belt if exceptional circumstances can be demonstrated.

6.1140 Caverswall is defined in the Core Strategy as a smaller village. In line with the proposed development approach no site allocations were proposed as preferred options for consultation in April 2016. An infill boundary was proposed to accommodate delivery of new homes. Similarly no site allocations were proposed as preferred options for consultation in July 2017, however the infill boundary proposal was replaced by a criteria based approach to support sustainable infill development.

CV006

6.1141 The proposed delivery of circa 8 dwellings is considered to have a positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities and areas of existing employment which is likely to have a significant negative effect, as could the development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land and the site's proximity to historic assets. The ecological value of the site is likely to have a negative effect.

6.1142 This site is in the Conservation Area and the impact of development on the historic settlement form requires further consideration. The Council's Green Belt Review concluded that the site could be considered for release from the Green Belt if exceptional circumstances can be demonstrated.

6.1143 Caverswall is defined in the Core Strategy as a smaller village. In line with the proposed development approach no site allocations were proposed as preferred options for consultation in April 2016. An infill boundary was proposed to accommodate delivery of new

homes. Similarly no site allocations were proposed as preferred options for consultation in July 2017, however the infill boundary proposal was replaced by a criteria based approach to support sustainable infill development.

Cookshill

Sites (5+ dwellings) - within the current Green Belt

CL004

6.1144 The proposed delivery of circa 20 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space and location away from historic assets is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities and areas of existing employment which is likely to have a significant negative effect, as could the development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land. The ecological value of the site is likely to have a negative effect.

6.1145 The Council's Green Belt Review concluded that the site could be considered for release from the Green Belt if exceptional circumstances can be demonstrated.

6.1146 Cookshill is defined in the Core Strategy as a smaller village. In line with the proposed development approach no site allocations were proposed as preferred options for consultation in April 2016. An infill boundary was proposed to accommodate delivery of new homes. Similarly no site allocations were proposed as preferred options for consultation in July 2017, however the infill boundary proposal was replaced by a criteria based approach to support sustainable infill development.

CL007

6.1147 The proposed delivery of circa 30 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities and areas of existing employment which is likely to have a significant negative effect, as could the development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land. The ecological value of the site and its proximity to historic assets is likely to have a negative effect.

6.1148 The Council's Green Belt review did not recommend considering the site for release from the Green Belt.

6.1149 Cookshill is defined in the Core Strategy as a smaller village. In line with the proposed development approach no site allocations were proposed as preferred options for consultation in April 2016. An infill boundary was proposed to accommodate delivery of new homes. Similarly no site allocations were proposed as preferred options for consultation in July 2017, however the infill boundary proposal was replaced by a criteria based approach to support sustainable infill development.

Checkley

Sites (5+ dwellings) - outside the infill boundary

CK007

6.1150 The proposed delivery of circa 6 dwellings is considered to have a positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space and low ecological value is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities and areas of existing employment which is likely to have a significant negative effect, as could the development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land. The site's proximity to historic assets is likely to have a negative effect.

6.1151 Checkley is defined in the Core Strategy as a smaller village. In line with the proposed development approach no site allocations were proposed as preferred options for consultation in April 2016. An infill boundary was proposed to accommodate delivery of new homes. Similarly no site allocations were proposed as preferred options for consultation in July 2017, however the infill boundary proposal was replaced by a criteria based approach to support sustainable infill development.

CK008

6.1152 The proposed delivery of circa 6 dwellings is considered to have a positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space and low ecological value is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities and areas of existing employment which is likely to have a significant negative effect, as could the development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land. The site's proximity to historic assets is likely to have a negative effect.

6.1153 Checkley is defined in the Core Strategy as a smaller village. In line with the proposed development approach no site allocations were proposed as preferred options for consultation in April 2016. An infill boundary was proposed to accommodate delivery of new homes. Similarly no site allocations were proposed as preferred options for consultation in July 2017, however the infill boundary proposal was replaced by a criteria based approach to support sustainable infill development.

Dilhorne

Sites (5+ dwellings) - within the Green Belt

DH004

6.1154 The proposed delivery of circa 20 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space and distance from designated assets is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities and areas of existing employment, both of which is likely to have a significant negative effect, as could the site's proximity to historic assets. The development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is likely to have a negative effect.

6.1155 The Council's Green Belt Review concluded that the site could be considered for release from the Green Belt if exceptional circumstances can be demonstrated.

6.1156 Dilhorne is defined in the Core Strategy as a smaller village. In line with the proposed development approach no site allocations were proposed as preferred options for consultation in April 2016. An infill boundary was proposed to accommodate delivery of new homes. Similarly no site allocations were proposed as preferred options for consultation in July 2017, however the infill boundary proposal was replaced by a criteria based approach to support sustainable infill development.

DH013

6.1157 The proposed delivery of circa 6 dwellings is considered to have a positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space and distance from designated assets is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities and areas of existing employment, both of which is likely to have a significant negative effect, as could the site's proximity to historic assets. The development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is likely to have a negative effect.

6.1158 The Council's Green Belt review did not recommend considering the site for release from the Green Belt.

6.1159 Dilhorne is defined in the Core Strategy as a smaller village. In line with the proposed development approach no site allocations were proposed as preferred options for consultation in April 2016. An infill boundary was proposed to accommodate delivery of new homes. Similarly no site allocations were proposed as preferred options for consultation in July 2017, however the infill boundary proposal was replaced by a criteria based approach to support sustainable infill development.

DH018

6.1160 The proposed delivery of circa 7 dwellings is considered to have a positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities and areas of existing employment, both of which is likely to have a significant negative effect, as could the site's proximity to historic assets. The development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is likely to have a negative effect, as could the site's ecological value.

6.1161 The Council's Green Belt review did not recommend considering the site for release from the Green Belt.

6.1162 Dilhorne is defined in the Core Strategy as a smaller village. In line with the proposed development approach no site allocations were proposed as preferred options for consultation in April 2016. An infill boundary was proposed to accommodate delivery of new homes. Similarly no site allocations were proposed as preferred options for consultation in July 2017, however the infill boundary proposal was replaced by a criteria based approach to support sustainable infill development.

DH026

6.1163 The proposed delivery of circa 15 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities and areas of existing employment, both of which is likely to have a significant negative effect. The development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is likely to have a negative effect, as could the site's ecological value and proximity to historic assets.

6.1164 The Council's Green Belt review did not recommend considering the site for release from the Green Belt.

6.1165 Dilhorne is defined in the Core Strategy as a smaller village. In line with the proposed development approach no site allocations were proposed as preferred options for consultation in April 2016. An infill boundary was proposed to accommodate delivery of new homes. Similarly no site allocations were proposed as preferred options for consultation in July 2017, however the infill boundary proposal was replaced by a criteria based approach to support sustainable infill development.

Draycott

Sites (5+ dwellings) - within the current Green Belt

DC003

6.1166 The proposed delivery of circa 10 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities and areas of existing employment, both of which is likely to have a significant negative effect, as could the site's proximity to historic assets and development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land. The site's ecological value is likely to have a negative effect.

6.1167 The site is adjacent to the Old Rectory (Grade II listed), a heritage impact assessment will be required. The Council's Green Belt Review concluded that the site could be considered for release from the Green Belt if exceptional circumstances can be demonstrated.

6.1168 Draycott is defined in the Core Strategy as a smaller village. In line with the proposed development approach no site allocations were proposed as preferred options for consultation in April 2016. An infill boundary was proposed to accommodate delivery of new homes. Similarly no site allocations were proposed as preferred options for consultation in July 2017, however the infill boundary proposal was replaced by a criteria based approach to support sustainable infill development.

Foxt

Sites (5+ dwellings) - outside the draft infill boundary

FO008

6.1169 The site has good accessibility to areas of existing employment which is likely to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the proposed delivery of circa 8 dwellings is considered to have a positive effect, as could the site's accessibility to areas of open space. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities and is in proximity to designated assets, both of which is likely to have a significant negative effect. The development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is likely to have a negative effect, as could the site's proximity to historic assets.

6.1170 Foxt is defined in the Core Strategy as a smaller village. In line with the proposed development approach no site allocations were proposed as preferred options for consultation in April 2016. An infill boundary was proposed to accommodate delivery of new homes.

Similarly no site allocations were proposed as preferred options for consultation in July 2017, however the infill boundary proposal was replaced by a criteria based approach to support sustainable infill development.

Hollington

Potentially suitable sites (5+ dwellings) - outside the draft Infill Boundary

HO002

6.1171 The proposed delivery of circa 7 dwellings is considered to have a positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space and location away from designated assets is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities and areas of existing employment, both of which is likely to have a significant negative effect, as could the site's proximity to historic assets. The development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is likely to have a negative effect.

6.1172 The site is located in a sensitive area close to Hollington House (Grade II listed), a heritage impact assessment will be required.

6.1173 Hollington is defined in the Core Strategy as a smaller village. In line with the proposed development approach no site allocations were proposed as preferred options for consultation in April 2016. An infill boundary was proposed to accommodate delivery of new homes. Similarly no site allocations were proposed as preferred options for consultation in July 2017, however the infill boundary proposal was replaced by a criteria based approach to support sustainable infill development.

HO003

6.1174 The proposed delivery of circa 6 dwellings is considered to have a positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space and location away from designated assets is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities and areas of existing employment, both of which is likely to have a significant negative effect, as could the site's proximity to historic assets. The development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is likely to have a negative effect.

6.1175 The site is located in a sensitive area close to Hollington House (Grade II listed), a heritage impact assessment will be required.

6.1176 Hollington is defined in the Core Strategy as a smaller village. In line with the proposed development approach no site allocations were proposed as preferred options for consultation in April 2016. An infill boundary was proposed to accommodate delivery of new homes. Similarly no site allocations were proposed as preferred options for consultation in July 2017, however the infill boundary proposal was replaced by a criteria based approach to support sustainable infill development.

Hulme

Sites (5+ dwellings) - within the current Green Belt

HU002

6.1177 The proposed delivery of circa 5 dwellings is considered to have a positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space, areas of existing employment and location away from historic assets is likely to have a positive effect, as could the development of brownfield land. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities which is likely to have a significant negative effect, as could the site's proximity to designated assets.

6.1178 The Council's Green Belt Review concluded that the site could be considered for release from the Green Belt if exceptional circumstances can be demonstrated.

6.1179 Hulme is defined in the Core Strategy as a smaller village. In line with the proposed development approach no site allocations were proposed as preferred options for consultation in April 2016. An infill boundary was proposed to accommodate delivery of new homes. Similarly no site allocations were proposed as preferred options for consultation in July 2017, however the infill boundary proposal was replaced by a criteria based approach to support sustainable infill development.

Kingsley Holt

Sites (5+ dwellings) - within the infill boundary

KH018

6.1180 The proposed delivery of circa 8 dwellings is considered to have a positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space and areas of existing employment is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities which is likely to have a significant negative effect, as could the site's proximity to designated assets. The development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is likely to have a negative effect, as could the site's proximity to historic assets.

6.1181 Kingsley Holt is defined in the Core Strategy as a smaller village. In line with the proposed development approach no site allocations were proposed as preferred options for consultation in April 2016. An infill boundary was proposed to accommodate delivery of new homes. Similarly no site allocations were proposed as preferred options for consultation in July 2017, however the infill boundary proposal was replaced by a criteria based approach to support sustainable infill development.

Sites (5+ dwellings) - outside the infill boundary

KH009

6.1182 The proposed delivery of circa 9 dwellings is considered to have a positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space and areas of existing employment is likely to have a positive effect, as could its location away from historic assets and the development of brownfield land. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities which is likely to have a significant negative effect, as could the site's proximity to designated assets.

6.1183 Kingsley Holt is defined in the Core Strategy as a smaller village. In line with the proposed development approach no site allocations were proposed as preferred options for consultation in April 2016. An infill boundary was proposed to accommodate delivery of new homes. Similarly no site allocations were proposed as preferred options for consultation in July 2017, however the infill boundary proposal was replaced by a criteria based approach to support sustainable infill development.

ADD007

6.1184 The proposed delivery of circa 52 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. The site's accessibility to areas of existing employment is considered to have a positive effect. However, the site's inaccessibility to services and facilities is likely to have a significant negative effect. Similarly, the site's proximity to designated and historic assets is likely to have a negative effect, as could the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land.

6.1185 Kingsley Holt is defined in the Core Strategy as a smaller village. In line with the proposed development approach no site allocations were proposed as preferred options for consultation in April 2016. An infill boundary was proposed to accommodate delivery of new homes. Similarly no site allocations were proposed as preferred options for consultation in July 2017, however the infill boundary proposal was replaced by a criteria based approach to support sustainable infill development.

Leekbrook

Sites (5+ dwellings) - within the infill boundary

LB006

6.1186 The site's accessibility to areas of existing employment is likely to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the proposed delivery of circa 6 dwellings is considered to have a positive effect, as could the site's accessibility to areas of open space and its location away from designated and historic assets. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities which is likely to have a significant negative effect. The development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is likely to have a negative effect.

6.1187 Leekbrook is defined in the Core Strategy as a smaller village. In line with the proposed development approach no site allocations were proposed as preferred options for consultation in April 2016. An infill boundary was proposed to accommodate delivery of new homes. Similarly no site allocations were proposed as preferred options for consultation in July 2017, however the infill boundary proposal was replaced by a criteria based approach to support sustainable infill development.

Sites (5+ dwellings) - outside the infill boundary

LB011

6.1188 The site's accessibility to areas of existing employment is likely to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the proposed delivery of circa 6 dwellings is considered to have a positive effect, as could the site's accessibility to areas of open space and its location away from designated and historic assets. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities which is likely to have a significant negative effect. The development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is likely to have a negative effect.

6.1189 Leekbrook is defined in the Core Strategy as a smaller village. In line with the proposed development approach no site allocations were proposed as preferred options for consultation in April 2016. An infill boundary was proposed to accommodate delivery of new homes.

LB012

6.1190 The site's accessibility to areas of existing employment is likely to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the proposed delivery of circa 6 dwellings is considered to have a positive effect, as could the site's accessibility to areas of open space and its location away from designated and historic assets. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities which is likely to have a significant negative effect. The development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is likely to have a negative effect.

6.1191 Leekbrook is defined in the Core Strategy as a smaller village. In line with the proposed development approach no site allocations were proposed as preferred options for consultation in April 2016. An infill boundary was proposed to accommodate delivery of new homes. Similarly no site allocations were proposed as preferred options for consultation in July 2017, however the infill boundary proposal was replaced by a criteria based approach to support sustainable infill development.

Longsdon

Sites (5+ dwellings) - (partly) within the draft infill boundary (and partly in Green Belt)

LO002

6.1192 The proposed delivery of circa 10 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities and areas of existing employment which is likely to have a significant negative effect. The development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is likely to have a negative effect, as could the site's proximity to designated and historic assets.

6.1193 The Council's Green Belt Review concluded that the site could be considered for release from the Green Belt if exceptional circumstances can be demonstrated.

6.1194 Longsdon is defined in the Core Strategy as a smaller village. In line with the proposed development approach no site allocations were proposed as preferred options for consultation in April 2016. An infill boundary was proposed to accommodate delivery of new homes. Similarly no site allocations were proposed as preferred options for consultation in July 2017, however the infill boundary proposal was replaced by a criteria based approach to support sustainable infill development.

LO007

6.1195 The proposed delivery of circa 5 dwellings is considered to have a positive effect, as could the site's accessibility to areas of open space. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities and areas of existing employment which is likely to have a significant negative effect. The development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is likely to have a negative effect, as could the site's proximity to designated and historic assets.

6.1196 The Council's Green Belt Review concluded that the site could be considered for release from the Green Belt if exceptional circumstances can be demonstrated.

6.1197 Longsdon is defined in the Core Strategy as a smaller village. In line with the proposed development approach no site allocations were proposed as preferred options for consultation in April 2016. An infill boundary was proposed to accommodate delivery of new homes. Similarly no site allocations were proposed as preferred options for consultation in July 2017, however the infill boundary proposal was replaced by a criteria based approach to support sustainable infill development.

Sites (5+ dwellings) - (mostly) within the current Green Belt

LO021

6.1198 The proposed delivery of circa 13 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities and areas of existing employment which is likely to have a significant negative effect. The development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is likely to have a negative effect, as could the site's proximity to designated and historic assets.

6.1199 The Council's Green Belt Review concluded that the site could be considered for release from the Green Belt if exceptional circumstances can be demonstrated.

6.1200 Longsdon is defined in the Core Strategy as a smaller village. In line with the proposed development approach no site allocations were proposed as preferred options for consultation in April 2016. An infill boundary was proposed to accommodate delivery of new homes. Similarly no site allocations were proposed as preferred options for consultation in July 2017, however the infill boundary proposal was replaced by a criteria based approach to support sustainable infill development.

Lower Tean

Sites (5+ dwellings) - outside the infill boundary

LT001

6.1201 The proposed delivery of circa 20 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities which is likely to have a significant negative effect, as could the development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land and proximity to historic assets. The site's proximity to designated assets and the inaccessibility of areas of existing employment are likely to have a negative effect.

6.1202 The site adjoins Willowgate (Grade II listed), a heritage impact assessment will be required.

6.1203 Lower Tean is defined in the Core Strategy as a smaller village. In line with the proposed development approach no site allocations were proposed as preferred options for consultation in April 2016. An infill boundary was proposed to accommodate delivery of new homes. Similarly no site allocations were proposed as preferred options for consultation in July 2017, however the infill boundary proposal was replaced by a criteria based approach to support sustainable infill development.

LT002

6.1204 The proposed delivery of circa 6 dwellings is considered to have a positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities which is likely to have a significant negative effect, as could the development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land and proximity to historic assets. The site's proximity to designated assets and the inaccessibility of existing employment are likely to have a negative effect.

6.1205 The site is located close to the historic core of the village and there are listed buildings adjacent to the site. Heritage impact assessment will be required.

6.1206 Lower Tean is defined in the Core Strategy as a smaller village. In line with the proposed development approach no site allocations were proposed as preferred options for consultation in April 2016. An infill boundary was proposed to accommodate delivery of new homes. Similarly no site allocations were proposed as preferred options for consultation in July 2017, however the infill boundary proposal was replaced by a criteria based approach to support sustainable infill development.

Oakamoor

Sites (5+ dwellings) - (access point) within infill boundary

OA026

6.1207 The proposed delivery of circa 11 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities and areas of existing employment which are likely to have a significant negative effect. The site's proximity to designated and historic assets and the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land are likely to have a negative effect.

6.1208 Oakamoor is defined in the Core Strategy as a smaller village. In line with the proposed development approach no site allocations were proposed as preferred options for consultation in April 2016. An infill boundary was proposed to accommodate delivery of new homes. Similarly no site allocations were proposed as preferred options for consultation in July 2017, however the infill boundary proposal was replaced by a criteria based approach to support sustainable infill development.

Sites (5+ dwellings) - outside infill boundary

OA016

6.1209 The proposed delivery of circa 9 dwellings is considered to have a positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities and areas of existing employment which are likely to have a significant negative effect. The site's proximity to designated and historic assets and the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land are likely to have a negative effect.

6.1210 Oakamoor is defined in the Core Strategy as a smaller village. In line with the proposed development approach no site allocations were proposed as preferred options for consultation in April 2016. An infill boundary was proposed to accommodate delivery of new

homes. Similarly no site allocations were proposed as preferred options for consultation in July 2017, however the infill boundary proposal was replaced by a criteria based approach to support sustainable infill development.

OA030

6.1211 The proposed delivery of circa 23 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities and areas of existing employment which are likely to have a significant negative effect. The site's proximity to designated and historic assets and the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land are likely to have a negative effect.

6.1212 The site lies within the area considered to form an important landscape setting to the settlement. Oakamoor is defined in the Core Strategy as a smaller village. In line with the proposed development approach no site allocations were proposed as preferred options for consultation in April 2016. An infill boundary was proposed to accommodate delivery of new homes. Similarly no site allocations were proposed as preferred options for consultation in July 2017, however the infill boundary proposal was replaced by a criteria based approach to support sustainable infill development.

OA31

6.1213 The proposed delivery of circa 20 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities and areas of existing employment which are likely to have a significant negative effect. The site's proximity to designated and historic assets and the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land are likely to have a negative effect.

6.1214 The site lies within the area considered to form an important landscape setting to the settlement. Oakamoor is defined in the Core Strategy as a smaller village. In line with the proposed development approach no site allocations were proposed as preferred options for consultation in April 2016. An infill boundary was proposed to accommodate delivery of new homes. Similarly no site allocations were proposed as preferred options for consultation in July 2017, however the infill boundary proposal was replaced by a criteria based approach to support sustainable infill development.

Rudyard

Sites (5+ dwellings) - within current Green Belt

RU016

6.1215 The proposed delivery of circa 13 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space and location away from historic assets are likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities and areas of existing employment which are likely to have a significant negative effect. The site's proximity to designated assets and the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land are likely to have a negative effect.

6.1216 The Council's Green Belt Review concluded that the site could be considered for release from the Green Belt if exceptional circumstances can be demonstrated.

6.1217 Rudyard is defined in the Core Strategy as a smaller village. In line with the proposed development approach no site allocations were proposed as preferred options for consultation in April 2016. An infill boundary was proposed to accommodate delivery of new homes. Similarly no site allocations were proposed as preferred options for consultation in July 2017, however the infill boundary proposal was replaced by a criteria based approach to support sustainable infill development.

RU020

6.1218 The proposed delivery of circa 14 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities and areas of existing employment which are likely to have a significant negative effect. The site's proximity to historic assets, the ecological value of the site and the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land are likely to have a negative effect.

6.1219 The Council's Green Belt Review concluded that the site could be considered for release from the Green Belt if exceptional circumstances can be demonstrated.

6.1220 Rudyard is defined in the Core Strategy as a smaller village. In line with the proposed development approach no site allocations were proposed as preferred options for consultation in April 2016. An infill boundary was proposed to accommodate delivery of new homes. Similarly no site allocations were proposed as preferred options for consultation in July 2017, however the infill boundary proposal was replaced by a criteria based approach to support sustainable infill development.

Rushton Spencer

Sites (5+ dwellings) - within infill boundary

RS005

6.1221 The proposed delivery of circa 7 dwellings is considered to have a positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities and areas of existing employment which are likely to have a significant negative effect. The site's proximity to historic assets, the ecological value of the site and the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land are likely to have a negative effect.

6.1222 Rushton Spencer is defined in the Core Strategy as a smaller village. In line with the proposed development approach no site allocations were proposed as preferred options for consultation in April 2016. An infill boundary was proposed to accommodate delivery of new homes. Similarly no site allocations were proposed as preferred options for consultation in July 2017, however the infill boundary proposal was replaced by a criteria based approach to support sustainable infill development.

Sites (5+ dwellings) - within current Green Belt

RS009

6.1223 The proposed delivery of circa 30 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities and areas of existing

employment which are likely to have a significant negative effect. The site's proximity to historic assets, the ecological value of the site and the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land are likely to have a negative effect.

6.1224 The Council's Green Belt review did not recommend considering the site for release from the Green Belt.

6.1225 Rushton Spencer is defined in the Core Strategy as a smaller village. In line with the proposed development approach no site allocations were proposed as preferred options for consultation in April 2016. An infill boundary was proposed to accommodate delivery of new homes. Similarly no site allocations were proposed as preferred options for consultation in July 2017, however the infill boundary proposal was replaced by a criteria based approach to support sustainable infill development.

Potentially suitable sites (5+ dwellings) - outside infill boundary

RS007

6.1226 The proposed delivery of circa 26 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities and areas of existing employment which are likely to have a significant negative effect. The site's proximity to historic assets, the ecological importance of the site and the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land are likely to have a negative effect.

6.1227 Rushton Spencer is defined in the Core Strategy as a smaller village. In line with the proposed development approach no site allocations were proposed as preferred options for consultation in April 2016. An infill boundary was proposed to accommodate delivery of new homes. Similarly no site allocations were proposed as preferred options for consultation in July 2017, however the infill boundary proposal was replaced by a criteria based approach to support sustainable infill development.

RS015

6.1228 The proposed delivery of circa 12 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities and areas of existing employment which are likely to have a significant negative effect. The site's proximity to historic assets, the ecological value of the site and the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land are likely to have a negative effect.

6.1229 Rushton Spencer is defined in the Core Strategy as a smaller village. In line with the proposed development approach no site allocations were proposed as preferred options for consultation in April 2016. An infill boundary was proposed to accommodate delivery of new homes. Similarly no site allocations were proposed as preferred options for consultation in July 2017, however the infill boundary proposal was replaced by a criteria based approach to support sustainable infill development.

Stockton Brook

Sites (5+ dwellings) - within the current Green Belt

SB014

6.1230 The proposed delivery of circa 10 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space and location away from historic assets are likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities and areas of existing employment which are likely to have a significant negative effect. The site's ecological importance and the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land are likely to have a negative effect.

6.1231 The Council's Green Belt Review concluded that the site could be considered for release from the Green Belt if exceptional circumstances can be demonstrated.

6.1232 Stockton Brook is defined in the Core Strategy as a smaller village. In line with the proposed development approach no site allocations were proposed as preferred options for consultation in April 2016. An infill boundary was proposed to accommodate delivery of new homes.

SB016

6.1233 The proposed delivery of circa 15 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities and areas of existing employment which are likely to have a significant negative effect. The site's proximity to historic assets, ecological value and the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land are likely to have a negative effect.

6.1234 The site adjoins Caldon Canal Conservation Area and four listed buildings are within 100m; a heritage impact assessment will be required. The Council's Green Belt Review concluded that the site could be considered for release from the Green Belt if exceptional circumstances can be demonstrated.

6.1235 Stockton Brook is defined in the Core Strategy as a smaller village. In line with the proposed development approach no site allocations were proposed as preferred options for consultation in April 2016. An infill boundary was proposed to accommodate delivery of new homes. Similarly no site allocations were proposed as preferred options for consultation in July 2017, however the infill boundary proposal was replaced by a criteria based approach to support sustainable infill development.

ADD08

6.1236 The proposed delivery of circa 40 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space and location away from designated assets are likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities and areas of existing employment which are likely to have a significant negative effect. The site's proximity to historic assets and ecological value are likely to have a negative effect.

6.1237 The Council's Green Belt review did not recommend considering the site for release from the Green Belt.

6.1238 Stockton Brook is defined in the Core Strategy as a smaller village. In line with the proposed development approach no site allocations were proposed as preferred options for consultation in April 2016. An infill boundary was proposed to accommodate delivery of new homes. Similarly no site allocations were proposed as preferred options for consultation in July 2017, however the infill boundary proposal was replaced by a criteria based approach to support sustainable infill development.

Whiston

Sites (5+ dwellings) - outside the infill boundary

WH002

6.1239 The proposed delivery of circa 10 dwellings and proximity to areas of existing employment is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities which is likely to have a significant negative effect, as could the site's proximity to designated and historic assets.

6.1240 Previous land use may have caused contamination of the ground and redevelopment may pose a risk to the water environment - a risk assessment is required. Whiston Brook is defined in the Core Strategy as a smaller village. In line with the proposed development approach no site allocations were proposed as preferred options for consultation in April 2016. An infill boundary was proposed to accommodate delivery of new homes. Similarly no site allocations were proposed as preferred options for consultation in July 2017, however the infill boundary proposal was replaced by a criteria based approach to support sustainable infill development.

WH009A

6.1241 The proposed delivery of circa 15 dwellings and proximity to areas of existing employment is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities which is likely to have a significant negative effect. The site's proximity to designated and historic assets and the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land are likely to have a negative effect.

6.1242 Whiston Brook is defined in the Core Strategy as a smaller village. In line with the proposed development approach no site allocations were proposed as preferred options for consultation in April 2016. An infill boundary was proposed to accommodate delivery of new homes. Similarly no site allocations were proposed as preferred options for consultation in July 2017, however the infill boundary proposal was replaced by a criteria based approach to support sustainable infill development.

WH015

6.1243 The site's proximity to areas of existing employment is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space and the proposed delivery of circa 6 dwellings are likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities is likely to have a significant negative effect. The site's proximity to designated and historic assets and the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land are likely to have a negative effect.

6.1244 Whiston Brook is defined in the Core Strategy as a smaller village. In line with the proposed development approach no site allocations were proposed as preferred options for consultation in April 2016. An infill boundary was proposed to accommodate delivery of new homes. Similarly no site allocations were proposed as preferred options for consultation in July 2017, however the infill boundary proposal was replaced by a criteria based approach to support sustainable infill development.

WH016

6.1245 The site's proximity to areas of existing employment is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space and the proposed delivery of circa 6 dwellings are likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities which is likely to have a significant negative effect. The site's proximity to designated and historic assets and the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land are likely to have a negative effect.

6.1246 Whiston Brook is defined in the Core Strategy as a smaller village. In line with the proposed development approach no site allocations were proposed as preferred options for consultation in April 2016. An infill boundary was proposed to accommodate delivery of new homes. Similarly no site allocations were proposed as preferred options for consultation in July 2017, however the infill boundary proposal was replaced by a criteria based approach to support sustainable infill development.

WH018

6.1247 The site's proximity to areas of existing employment is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space and the proposed delivery of circa 5 dwellings are likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities which is likely to have a significant negative effect. The site's proximity to designated and historic assets and the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land are likely to have a negative effect.

6.1248 Whiston Brook is defined in the Core Strategy as a smaller village. In line with the proposed development approach no site allocations were proposed as preferred options for consultation in April 2016. An infill boundary was proposed to accommodate delivery of new homes. Similarly no site allocations were proposed as preferred options for consultation in July 2017, however the infill boundary proposal was replaced by a criteria based approach to support sustainable infill development.

Other Areas

Sites (5+ dwellings) - within current Green Belt

OC003 (south of Hulme)

6.1249 The development of brownfield, grade 4 ALC land is considered to have a positive effect, as could the site's accessibility to areas of open space and the proposed delivery of circa 6 dwellings. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities and areas of existing employment which are likely to have a significant negative effect. The site's proximity to designated and historic assets are likely to have a negative effect.

6.1250 The Council's Green Belt review did not recommend considering the site for release from the Green Belt. This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

Sites (5+ dwellings) - outside infill boundary

OC001 (Bolton Copperworks, Froghall) - mixed use

6.1251 The proposed delivery of a mixed use development including the potential for housing, employment, leisure and tourist-related retail and accommodation is considered to have a significant positive effect, as could the site's accessibility to areas of open space and possible contribution to investment in tourism. Re-development of a previously developed site, now under-used, is also considered to have positive effects. However the site is inaccessible to services and facilities which is likely to have a significant negative effect, as is the potential impact on landscape character and heritage assets. Similarly the proximity to a SSSI and SBI and proposals for development on land in Flood Zones 2 and 3 are likely to lead to negative effects.

6.1252 This is a major developed area identified in the Core Strategy and a key opportunity site identified in the Churnet Valley Masterplan. The site is a former copper works, with existing industrial development in the centre of the site adjacent to Froghall Road and the A52, and hard-standing where previous development stood in the north and south of the site.

6.1253 The Extended Phase 1 Habitat Surveys and Local Wildlife Site Assessment (May 2017) considered the majority of the site to be made up of habitats of conservation value at site level only (i.e. hard standing and buildings, scattered trees and scrub, tall ruderal vegetation and amenity grassland). Although relatively small in area, the river Churnet and its tributary were found to be prominent habitat features of the site and to provide excellent connectivity with the surrounding landscape to the north-east, south-east and north-west. For this reason the river habitat was considered to be of importance to conservation at the local level. Similarly, the broad-leaved semi-natural woodland running alongside the Caldon Canal is an important connecting feature with the surrounding landscape and was also considered to be of importance to conservation at the local level. Species recorded on site were common and widespread both at a county and national level. Nevertheless the site has potential to support a number of notable protected species; pond surveys are required for great crested newts; along with surveys for bat roosts, badger and reptiles; whilst otter, water vole and white-clawed crayfish should be surveyed for along the lengths of both watercourses.

6.1254 The site was considered by the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) to be of medium landscape sensitivity. The study found that the site has low visual prominence as it is located at the bottom of a wooded valley. Views of the site are available from the adjacent roads, and from sections of the Caldon Canal. Site-specific landscape mitigation measures could include planting and landscaping adjacent to the canal and roads, and parameters set for building heights.

6.1255 There is one Grade II Listed Building within the site boundary and an additional five Listed Buildings in the 400m buffer. A Conservation Area is adjacent to the northern boundary of the site. The Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) considered that the canal has a close association with the industrial and natural landscape and its setting contributes to its significance. Despite this the study concludes

that appropriate development can be mitigated through the setting back of development boundaries from the Listed Building and Conservation Area and through conservation of the Listed Building. Any proposed design and the mitigation strategy should incorporate solutions to protect and enhance the non-designated heritage assets and the wider historic landscape character as well as the designated heritage assets. Any proposals for the site should be supported by a robust cultural heritage assessment incorporating all aspects of the historic environment.

6.1256 There is an opportunity for contribution to the District's Green Infrastructure Network. The site was proposed for inclusion in the preferred option Local Plan July 2017.

OC055 (Blythe Park, Cresswell) - employment use

6.1257 The development of new employment premises should have a significant positive effect upon the vitality and viability of the District, strengthen economic growth and support a higher level of employment within the District. Similarly, the site is located away from designated and historic assets. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities, is partially within a flood zone which are both assessed to have a significant negative effect. The development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is considered to have a negative effect.

6.1258 Site has outline permission (SMD/2014/0576) for up to 168 dwellings and up to 33,480sqm of Use Class B1, B2 and B8 floorspace.

6.3.1 Gypsy and Traveller site options

TR001: Land south of Uttoxeter Road, Blythe Bridge (BB021)

6.1259 The site has the potential to bring forward a minimum of 8 pitches and meet the identified housing needs of the Gypsy and Traveller communities and this is considered to have a significant positive effect, as is the accessibility of the site to services and facilities and public transport. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of existing employment is likely to have a positive effect, as could the site's location away from historic assets. The development of this approx 1ha site is considered large enough to provide for adequate on site facilities for parking, storage, play and residential amenity. However, there is scope that the site could be designated SBI land which would have a significant negative effect and there may be some remaining flood risk which is also likely to have a negative effect.

6.1260 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

TR002: Land at 459 Uttoxeter Road, Blythe Bridge (BB087)

6.1261 The site has the potential to bring forward a minimum of 8 pitches and meet the identified housing needs of the Gypsy and Traveller communities and this is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services and facilities is likely to have a positive effect as is the use of a plot currently given to hard-standing. The development of this approx 0.5ha site is considered large enough to provide for adequate on site facilities for parking, storage, play and residential amenity. However, the site's proximity to historic assets is likely to have a negative effect.

6.1262 This site was taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

TR003: Chandni Cottage / Roadhouse cafe, Draycott Road, Blythe Bridge

6.1263 The site has the potential to bring forward approximately 6 pitches and make a contribution towards meeting the identified housing needs of the Gypsy and Traveller communities and this is considered to have a positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services and facilities is likely to have a positive effect as is the use of a previously developed plot, although it may entail the loss of an existing building. The development of this approx 0.1ha site is considered sufficient to provide for adequate on site facilities for parking, storage, play and residential amenity. However the potential displacement of a business and the site's proximity to historic assets are likely to have negative effects.

6.1264 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

TR004: Disused premises north of Knights of Cheadle / south of A T Moss, off The Green / Dilhorne Road, Cheadle (CH020)

6.1265 The site has the potential to bring forward 6 - 8 pitches and meet the identified housing needs of the Gypsy and Traveller communities and this is considered to have a significant positive effect, as is the site's proximity to areas of existing employment. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services and facilities is likely to have a positive effect, as could its location away from historic assets. The development of this approx 0.5ha site is considered large enough to provide for adequate on site facilities for parking, storage, play and residential amenity. However, the site is partly within a flood zone which is likely to have a significant negative effect. The potential ecological value of the site is also likely to have a negative effect.

6.1266 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

TR005: Checkley Rose Cottage

6.1267 The site has the potential to bring forward 3 pitches and contribute to meeting the identified housing needs of the Gypsy and Traveller communities and this is considered to have a positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services and facilities is likely to have a positive effect, as could its location away from historic assets. However the development of this approx 0.08ha site is not considered large enough to provide for adequate on site facilities for parking, storage, play and residential amenity and this is likely to have a significant negative effect.

6.1268 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

TR006: Cresswell former Railway Station

6.1269 The site has the potential to bring forward 6 - 8 pitches (although this may be reduced following consideration of set off distances from the railway line and roads) and contribute to meeting the identified housing needs of the Gypsy and Traveller communities and this is considered to have a positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services and facilities, and in particular to areas of existing employment, is likely to have a positive effect. The development of this approx 0.25ha site is considered large enough to provide for adequate on site facilities for parking, storage, play and residential amenity however as the site runs adjacent to the regularly used Stoke to Derby railway line, on-site sound attenuation measures may be required. The site's proximity to historic assets is likely to have a negative effect.

6.1270 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

TR007: Fole Dairy, Uttoxeter Road, Fole

6.1271 The site has the potential to bring forward a minimum of 8 pitches meeting the identified housing needs of the Gypsy and Traveller communities and this is considered to have a significant positive effect. The development of this approx 2ha site is considered large enough to provide for adequate on site facilities for parking, storage, play and residential amenity. However the southern edge of the site is in flood zone 3 and the site is likely to be affected to some degree by flood risk, this is likely to have a significant negative effect. Similarly the site's inaccessibility to services and facilities, including areas of existing employment, is also likely to have a negative effect, as is the site's proximity to historic assets.

6.1272 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

TR008: Farm buildings / land west of 75 Uttoxeter Road , Blythe Bridge

6.1273 The site has the potential to bring forward a minimum of 8 pitches meeting the identified housing needs of the Gypsy and Traveller communities and this is considered to have a significant positive effect. The development of this approx 0.7ha site is considered large enough to provide for adequate on site facilities for parking, storage, play and residential amenity. The accessibility of the site to services and facilities, including areas of existing employment and public transport is likely to have a positive effect. However the location of this greenfield site within the Green Belt requires further assessment to identify any impact on landscape character.

6.1274 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

TR009: Crown Inn premises, Tean Road, Mobberley, Cheadle

6.1275 The site has the potential to bring forward 3 - 4 pitches, making a contribution to meeting the identified housing needs of the Gypsy and Traveller communities and this is considered to have a positive effect. The accessibility of the site to services and facilities, including areas of existing employment and public transport is likely to have a positive effect. However the development of this approx 0.16ha site is not considered large enough to provide for adequate on site facilities for parking, storage, play and residential amenity.

6.1276 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

TR010: Waggon and Horses Pub premises, Leek Road, Kingsley Moor

6.1277 The site has the potential to bring forward 6 - 8 pitches, making a contribution to meeting the identified housing needs of the Gypsy and Traveller communities and this is considered to have a positive effect. The development of this approx 0.2ha site is considered large enough to provide for adequate on site facilities for parking, storage, play and residential amenity. However the location of this brownfield site within the Green Belt requires further assessment to identify any impact on landscape character. Similarly the site's inaccessibility to services and facilities, including areas of existing employment, is also likely to have a negative effect.

6.1278 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

TR011: Land adjacent "Rocklands", 92 Draycott Road, Upper Tean

6.1279 The site has the potential to bring forward a minimum of 8 pitches, meeting the identified housing needs of the Gypsy and Traveller communities and this is considered to have a significant positive effect. The development of this approx 1.2ha site is considered large enough to provide for adequate on site facilities for parking, storage, play and residential amenity. Whilst the site is within 1km of a village centre with some facilities and this is considered to have a positive effect, a lack of access to public transport and the site's inaccessibility to areas of existing employment are likely to have a negative effect. A small area at the northern boundary of the site is in flood zone 3 and the site is likely to be affected to some degree by flood risk, this is likely to have a significant negative effect.

6.1280 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

TR012: Parcel opposite Richmoorhill Farm, Kingsley Road, Cellarhead

6.1281 The site has the potential to bring forward a minimum of 8 pitches, meeting the identified housing needs of the Gypsy and Traveller communities and this is considered to have a significant positive effect. The development of this approx 0.7ha site is considered large enough to provide for adequate on site facilities for parking, storage, play and residential amenity. However the site's inaccessibility to services and facilities, including areas of existing employment is likely to have a negative effect. The site's proximity to heritage assets and the presence of mature trees are also likely to have a negative effect. In addition, the location of this greenfield site within the Green Belt requires further assessment to identify any impact on landscape character.

6.1282 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

TR013: Mobberley Works - northern area, Tean Road, Cheadle

6.1283 The site has the potential to bring forward 6 - 8 pitches, contributing towards meeting the identified housing needs of the Gypsy and Traveller communities and this is considered to have a positive effect. The development of this approx 0.5ha site is considered large enough to provide for adequate on site facilities for parking, storage, play and residential amenity. The site's accessibility to an area of existing employment is likely to have a positive effect. However part of the site to the west is within flood zone 3 and the site is likely to be affected to some degree by flood risk and this is likely to have a significant negative effect. Also the site's inaccessibility to services and facilities is likely to have a negative effect, as is the presence of mature trees. In addition, the location of this greenfield site within the Green Belt requires further assessment to identify any impact on landscape character.

6.1284 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

TR014: Field west of "Bank View", Draycott Road, Upper Tean

6.1285 The site has the potential to bring forward 6 - 8 pitches, contributing towards meeting the identified housing needs of the Gypsy and Traveller communities and this is considered to have a positive effect. The development of this approx 0.7ha site is considered large enough to provide for adequate on site facilities for parking, storage, play and residential amenity. However the site's inaccessibility to services and facilities (including to areas of existing employment) and isolation from the public transport network is likely to have a negative effect. In addition, the location of this greenfield site within an area considered to

be classified as Grade 3 Agricultural Land and where development may lead to prominent intrusion into the countryside, requires further assessment to identify any impact on landscape character and the loss of best and most versatile agricultual land.

6.1286 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

TR015: Parcel north of Quabbs Lane, off Forsbrook - Cheadle Road

6.1287 The site has the potential to bring forward around 6 pitches, contributing towards meeting the identified housing needs of the Gypsy and Traveller communities and this is considered to have a positive effect. The development of this approx 0.2ha site is considered large enough to provide for adequate on site facilities for parking, storage, play and residential amenity, particularly if the number of pitches delivered is managed accordingly. However the site's inaccessibility to services and facilities (including to areas of existing employment) and isolation from the public transport network is likely to have a negative effect. In addition, the location of this mixed greenfield / brownfield site in the Green Belt requires further assessment to identify any impact on landscape character.

6.1288 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

TR016: Former Timber Yard off Draycott Cross Road, Cheadle

6.1289 The site has the potential to bring forward 6 - 8 pitches, contributing towards meeting the identified housing needs of the Gypsy and Traveller communities and this is considered to have a positive effect. The development of this approx 0.3ha site is considered large enough to provide for adequate on site facilities for parking, storage, play and residential amenity. The site is close to an area of existing employment and its development is not expected to result in the loss of best and most versatile agricultural land, and these are likely to have positive effects. However the site's inaccessibility to services and facilities and isolation from the public transport network are likely to have a significant negative effect. Development for pitches would lead to the loss of employment land and this is also likely to have a negative effect. In addition, the location of this brownfield site in the Green Belt requires further assessment to identify any impact on landscape character.

6.1290 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

TR017: Land north west of 113 Leek Road, Cheadle

6.1291 The site has the potential to bring forward 8 pitches and meet the identified housing needs of the Gypsy and Traveller communities and this is considered to have a significant positive effect. The development of this approx 0.8ha site is considered large enough to provide for adequate on site facilities for parking, storage, play and residential amenity. The site is reasonably close to Cheadle facilities and an area of existing employment and this is likely to have a positive effect. However the site's development could result in the loss of best and most versatile agricultural land and this is likely to result in a negative effect. In addition, the location of this greenfield site in the Green Belt requires further assessment to identify any impact on landscape character.

6.1292 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

TR018: "The Ark", agricultural building and land off Cheadle Road, Boundary

6.1293 The site has the potential to bring forward 6 - 8 pitches and contribute to meeting the identified housing needs of the Gypsy and Traveller communities and this is considered to have a positive effect. The development of this approx 0.4ha site is considered large enough to provide for adequate on site facilities for parking, storage, play and residential amenity. There are no known biodiversity or heritage constraints and this is also considered to have a positive effect. However the site's relative inaccessibility to services and facilities, including areas of existing employment opportunities is likely to result in a negative effect. In addition, the location of this greenfield site in the Green Belt requires further assessment to identify any impact on landscape character.

6.1294 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

TR019: Land at ARB Treecare, A521 / Draycott Cross Road, Cheadle

6.1295 The site has the potential to bring forward a minimum of 8 pitches, meeting the identified housing needs of the Gypsy and Traveller communities, and this is considered to have a significant positive effect. The development of this approx 2.5ha site is considered large enough to provide for adequate on site facilities for parking, storage, play and residential amenity. There are no known biodiversity or heritage constraints (although there are some mature trees on site) and this is also considered to have a positive effect. However the eastern portion of the site is in flood zone 2 / 3 and the site is likely to be affected to some degree by flood risk, this is likely to have a significant negative effect. In addition, the location of this largely greenfield site in the Green Belt requires further assessment to identify any impact on landscape character.

6.1296 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

TR020: Land between "Serendipity" and Bank House Farm, Leek Road, nr Weston Coyney

6.1297 The site has the potential to bring forward 6 - 8 pitches and contribute to meeting the identified housing needs of the Gypsy and Traveller communities and this is considered to have a positive effect. The development of this approx 0.4ha site is considered large enough to provide for adequate on site facilities for parking, storage, play and residential amenity. There are no known biodiversity or heritage constraints and this is also considered to have a positive effect, although the site is within 300m of a woodland Site of Biological Importance and further work is needed to identify any potential impacts and mitigation measures. The site's relative inaccessibility to services and facilities, including areas of existing employment opportunities is likely to result in a negative effect. In addition, the location of this greenfield site in the Green Belt requires further assessment to identify any impact on landscape character.

6.1298 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

TR021: Land south of Draycott Cross Road industrial estate / north of Commonside Nurseries, Cheadle

6.1299 The site has the potential to bring forward 6 - 8 pitches and contribute to meeting the identified housing needs of the Gypsy and Traveller communities and this is considered to have a positive effect. The development of this approx 0.7ha site is considered large enough to provide for adequate on site facilities for parking, storage, play and residential

amenity. The site is close to an area of existing employment opportunity and this is also considered to have a positive effect. There are no known biodiversity or heritage constraints, although the site has a number of mature trees and is within 100m of a Biodiversity Alert Site, so further work is needed to identify any potential impacts and mitigation measures. The site's inaccessibility to services and facilities including public transport, is likely to result in a significant negative effect. In addition, the location of this greenfield site in the Green Belt requires further assessment to identify any impact on landscape character.

6.1300 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

TR022: Between Hands Farm and "The Mount" Petrol Station, off Leek Road, Cellarhead

6.1301 The site has the potential to bring forward 6 - 8 pitches and contribute to meeting the identified housing needs of the Gypsy and Traveller communities and this is considered to have a positive effect. The development of this approx 0.5ha site is considered large enough to provide for adequate on site facilities for parking, storage, play and residential amenity. There are no known biodiversity or heritage constraints and this is also considered to have a positive effect. However the site's relative inaccessibility to services and facilities, including areas of existing employment opportunities is likely to result in a negative effect. In addition, the location of this greenfield site in the Green Belt requires further assessment to identify any impact on landscape character.

6.1302 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

TR023: Land at Anzio Camp, Buxton Road, Blackshaw Moor

6.1303 The site has the potential to bring forward a minimum of 8 pitches and meet the identified housing needs of the Gypsy and Traveller communities and this is considered to have a significant positive effect. The development of this approx 1.25ha site is considered large enough to provide for adequate on site facilities for parking, storage, play and residential amenity. However the site is in close proximity to a heritage asset and an SBI, further assessment is required to identify any effects and possible mitigation measures. The site's inaccessibility to services and facilities, including areas of existing employment opportunities is likely to result in significant negative effects.

6.1304 The site has permission for the erection of extra care housing, live work units, ancillary social centre and facilities building plus change of use to holiday park, under SMD/2014/0683.

6.1305 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

TR024: Land and buildings at the New Inn, Leek Road, Longsdon

6.1306 Site granted approval for residential development SMD/2012/0669

TR025: Land at Northern Countryside Works Depot, Salters Lane, Werrington

6.1307 The site has the potential to bring forward 8 pitches and meet the identified housing needs of the Gypsy and Traveller communities and this is considered to have a positive effect. The development of this approx 0.4ha site is considered large enough to provide for adequate on site facilities for parking, storage, play and residential amenity. It is in close proximity to Werrington centre which has a range of services/facilities access to bus services which is a positive impact There are no known heritage or biodiversity constraints and but

some of the buildings on the site may have potential to support nesting birds the impact on these is therefore neutral although the exact impact is unknown. The site is a mix of brownfield and greenfield and is not in agricultural use. It is in the Green Belt and would not lead to a loss of agricultural land. The location of this site in the Green Belt requires further assessment to identify any impact on landscape character.

6.1308 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

TR026: Land at Kniveden Hall, Mount Road, Leek

6.1309 The is a large site which has the potential to bring forward 8 pitches and meet the identified housing needs of the Gypsy and Traveller communities and this is considered to have a positive effect. The development of this approximately 2.584ha site is considered large enough to provide for adequate on site facilities for parking, storage, play and residential amenity. It is in close proximity to Leek which has a range of services/facilities employment access to bus services which is a positive impact. There are known biodiversity constraints which have a negative impact although the exact effect is uncertain. The site is brownfield and is not in agricultural use and would not lead to a loss of agricultural land.

6.1310 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

TR027: Land/buildings of former Meadows Special School, Tunstead Road Knypersley

6.1311 The site has the potential to bring forward 8 pitches and meet the identified housing needs of the Gypsy and Traveller communities and this is considered to have a positive effect. The development of this approx 0.4ha site is considered large enough to provide for adequate on site facilities for parking, storage, play and residential amenity. It is in close proximity to Biddulph centre which has a range of services/facilities employment access to bus services which is a positive impact. It has some biodiversity potential although the exact effects are uncertain. There are also listed buildings close to the site both of which lead to a negative impact.

6.1312 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

TR028: Land adjacent (west off) Draycott Moor College, Draycott Old Road, Draycott in the Moors

6.1313 This is a small site which has the potential to bring forward some pitches but not all the pitches required to meet the identified needs of the Gypsy and Traveller communities and this is considered to have a negative effect. It is approximately 1.5km form Blythe Bridge which has a range of services/facilities employment access to bus services which is a neutral impact. There are no known biodiversity or heritage constraints, and the site are not in agricultural use would not lead to a loss of agricultural land.

6.1314 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

TR029: Land between11 Whiston Eaves Lane and children's play area, Whiston

6.1315 The site has the potential to bring forward 8 pitches and meet the identified housing needs of the Gypsy and Traveller communities and this is considered to have a positive effect. The development of this approx 0.8ha site is considered large enough to provide for adequate on site facilities for parking, storage, play and residential amenity. The are some services/facilities in Whiston with a larger range of services/facilities in the nearby centres

at Froghall, Oakamoor and Kingsley between 2-3.7km. Access to employment nearby is limited. There is a limited bus service. Overall this has been assessed as having a neutral impact. There are no known biodiversity constraints.

6.1316 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

TR030: Land east of Leek High School Playing fields, off Mount Road, Leek

6.1317 This is a large site has the potential to bring forward 8 pitches and meet the identified housing needs of the Gypsy and Traveller communities and this is considered to have a positive effect. The development of this approx 3.1ha site is considered large enough to provide for adequate on site facilities for parking, storage, play and residential amenity. The site is relatively close to Leek with a range of services /facilities access to public transport and employment opportunities and this is assessed as a positive impact. There are no known heritage or biodiversity constraints.

6.1318 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

TR031: Ladderedge SCC Depot, Ladderedge, Leek

6.1319 The site has the potential to bring forward 8 pitches and meet the identified housing needs of the Gypsy and Traveller communities and this is considered to have a positive effect. The development of this approx 1ha site is considered large enough to provide for adequate on site facilities for parking, storage, play and residential amenity. The site is relatively close to Leek with a range of services /facilities access to public transport and employment opportunities and this is assessed as a positive impact. There are no known heritage or biodiversity constraints on the site but it is next to the Country Park which has biodiversity value.

6.1320 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

TR032: Land off Brooklands Way, Leekbrook

6.1321 This is a large site which has the potential to bring forward 8 pitches and meet the identified housing needs of the Gypsy and Traveller communities and this is considered to have a positive effect. The development of this approx 8.13ha site is considered large enough to provide for adequate on site facilities for parking, storage, play and residential amenity. The site is some distance from to Leek/Cheddleton and services/facilities and employment opportunities, there is a bus but not in close proximity to the site. This is considered to have a negative impact. It has biodiversity importance most of it being within a SBI. In addition, the location of this greenfield site requires further assessment to identify any impact on landscape character.

6.1322 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

TR033: Triangular field by Old Quarry Works, Uttoxeter Road, Blythe Bridge

6.1323 The site has the potential to bring forward 8 pitches and meet the identified housing needs of the Gypsy and Traveller communities and this is considered to have a positive effect. The development of this approx 0.44ha site is considered large enough to provide for adequate on site facilities for parking, storage, play and residential amenity. The site is close to Blythe Bridge which has a range of services/facilities including a train station. This

is considered to have a positive impact. There are no known biodiversity constraints. In addition, the location of this greenfield site in the Green Belt requires further assessment to identify any impact on landscape character.

6.1324 This site was not taken forward as a preferred option for consultation in April 2016.

Additional sites appraised following July 2017 consultation

"The Acres", Windycote Lane, Dilhorne

6.1325 The site has the potential to bring forward 8 pitches and meet the identified housing needs of the Gypsy and Traveller communities and this is considered to have a significant positive effect. The development of this approx 0.8ha site is considered large enough to provide for adequate on site facilities for parking, storage, play and residential amenity and this is also considered a positive effect. However the site is remote from a range of services and facilities including the public transport network and this is considered to have a negative effect. Similarly the proximity to heritage assets and location of the site, indicated on Natural England's predictive map of best and most versatile agricultural land as having "moderate" (20-60% area bmv) likelihood of resulting in the loss of best and most versatile agricultural land are considered likely to lead to negative effects. Ecological survey is required. In addition, the location of this greenfield site in the Green Belt requires further assessment to identify any impact on landscape character.

6.1326 This site was not proposed to be taken forward as part of the Local Plan published for representations in February 2018.

6.4 Appraisal of alternative development approaches for Cheadle

Background

6.1327 Cheadle is the district's smallest town, located 10 miles south east of Leek and 10 miles west of the north Staffordshire conurbation. Cheadle has suffered from under-investment and a poor infrastructure and its town centre has declined in recent years, although a successful Heritage Economic Regeneration Scheme has led to some improvements. Whilst the town has some notable buildings, including St. Giles' RC Church, one of the finest works of the celebrated Victorian architect A W Pugin, the majority of its houses have been built since the First World War. Cheadle is only 4 miles from the A50 Stoke to Derby road that links the M1 and M6 motorways.

6.1328 The adopted Core Strategy sets out Cheadle's role in the District as a significant service centre and market town with scope to be enhanced and strengthened. The identified priorities for the town are to expand its housing market area and range of community provision; creating further employment growth and increasing the diversity of employment opportunities; expanding its retailing centre; and improving environmental quality and accessibility. The Council's Development Capacity Study indicates scope to accommodate further growth that will address issues of under-investment and under-performance, contribute to achieving a more sustainable settlement and help meet the needs of the District.

6.1329 The strategy for Cheadle set out in the adopted Core Strategy is based on taking a comprehensive view of the expansion of the town and programming ahead for the phased release of land and related infrastructure improvements. The Core Strategy notes that this will take the form of urban extensions involving housing and employment development with related leisure and community facilities as part of an overall regeneration and growth strategy.

Selection of alternatives for appraisal - April 2016

6.1330 In identifying sites for inclusion in the Local Plan: Preferred Options Sites and Boundaries (April 2016), a number of reasonable alternative development approaches were considered for Cheadle, in line with the strategy set out above. In the first instance these were:

- Option 1: Northern Focus
- Option 2: South western focus
- Option 3: Scattered approach

6.1331 **Option 1: Northern focus** proposes growth centred on extending Cheadle to the north. This option proposes including the following housing sites within the preferred options (sites and boundaries) Local Plan:

Sites within development boundary	Potential yield (Number new homes)
CH001	240
CH004	45
CH006	36
CH009	16
CH024	45
CH015	32
CH002A	26
CH002B	42
CH013	50
CH020	42
Other potential sites	
CH073B	114
CH132	80
CH081	110
CH080	80
CH129	120

Table 6.7 Proposed sites comprising Northern Focus

6.1332 **Option 2: South Western focus** proposes growth centred on extending Cheadle to the south west. This option proposes including the following housing sites within the preferred options (sites and boundaries) Local Plan:

Sites within development boundary	Potential yield (Number new homes)
CH001	240
CH004	45
CH006	36
CH009	16
CH024	45
CH015	32
CH002A	26
CH002B	42
CH013	50
CH020	42
Other potential sites	
CH085A	150
CH085B	80
CH085C	150
CH085D	115
CH093	165
CH128	28

Table 6.8 Proposed sites comprising South Western Focus

6.1333 **Option 3: Scattered approach** proposes a spread of growth based on a number of small scale extensions to the periphery of Cheadle. This option proposes including the following housing sites within the preferred options (sites and boundaries) Local Plan:

Sites within development boundary	Potential yield (Number new homes)
CH001	240
CH004	45
CH006	36
CH009	16
CH024	45
CH015	32

Sites within development boundary	Potential yield (Number new homes)
CH002A	26
CH002B	42
CH013	50
CH020	42
Other potential sites	
CH132	80
CH128	28
CH075A	50
CH075B	60
CH075C	125
CH081	110
CH085A	75
CH085D	50

Table 6.9 Proposed sites comprising Scattered Approach

Summary of appraisal findings - April 2016

6.1334 The full SA appraisal matrices recording the detail of the appraisal of each of these options are provided in section 18. The summary of findings is set out below.

Option 1 - Summary of significant effects

6.1335 Sites comprising the option "northern focus" are located both within and outside the existing settlement boundary. The sites are a range of sizes, four are large enough to yield over 100 homes each, a further three are each expected to yield 50 or more homes. This could be expected to help enable the delivery of a range of types and tenures, making a significant contribution to meeting the housing needs of the whole community.

6.1336 A further positive effect of the option is the opportunity it provides for the delivery of a new school. A new school in the north of Cheadle could be expected to ease some pressure on peak time journeys to the existing schools that are concentrated in the south west of the town. This is likely to result in positive effects on the town centre and may help support opportunities for investment in culture and tourism with positive effects on the local economy.

6.1337 All the sites comprising this option could deliver development within 500m of a bus stop and all but three sites are within 1,200m of the town centre with its wide range of key services and facilities. This is likely to result in positive effects on: improving access to jobs, services and facilities (which in turn is likely to advance equality of opportunity), improving access to health care, helping to safeguard the vitality and viability of the town centre,

providing support for walking and cycling and reducing the need to travel by car. However sites CH080, CH081 and CH132 are more than 1,200m away from the town centre, so this option could result in existing services and facilities being inaccessible for residents of some new developments.

6.1338 There is potential for the cumulative impacts of development to result in the disturbance of habitats (and their connectedness) and of protected species that could not be reasonably mitigated. The option includes sites CH002a and CH024 which border Cecilly Brook Local Nature Reserve (LNR), one of the most important sites for water voles (a protected species) in Staffordshire. In addition, sites CH002b, CH006 and CH009 are within 100m of the Reserve. CH129 is within 100m of Hales Hall Pool LNR. Sites CH073b and CH081 are within 200m of one of these Local Nature Reserves.

6.1339 This option is also likely to result in the development of sites subject to risk from flooding, the option includes sites CH002a, CH006, CH020, CH080, CH081 and CH132 all of which are partly located within a flood zone 3 area.

6.1340 Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that the cumulative impact of development under this option may result in harm or loss to the significance of designated heritage assets. Sites CH009, CH013, CH015, CH024, CH080 and CH081 are within 400m of one or more grade II listed assets. Site CH015 is within 400m of 24 grade II listed assets; CH013 is within 400m of 38 grade II listed assets and one grade 1 listed asset.

6.1341 Likely negative effects on landscape character have also been identified, sites CH073B, CH080, CH081, CH129 and CH132 are all greenfield sites outside the current development boundary, however none are within the area identified as "important landscape setting to settlement".

6.1342 The option has also been assessed as likely to result in minor negative effects in relation to loss of best and most versatile agricultural land, air quality and greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption arising from construction and occupation of new developments.

Option 2 - Summary of significant effects

6.1343 Sites comprising the option "south western focus" are located both within and outside the existing settlement boundary. The sites are a range of sizes, five are large enough to yield over 100 homes each, a further two are expected to yield 50 or more homes. This could be expected to help enable the delivery of a range of types and tenures, making a significant contribution to meeting the housing needs of the whole community.

6.1344 A further positive effect of the option is the opportunity it provides for the delivery of a southern link road to help relieve traffic congestion in the town centre. However focusing new development where there is an existing cluster of schools may exacerbate congestion at peak times from concentrating journeys to school into one area of town. Unless the new journeys to school are mainly made on foot, this may result in negative effects on the town centre. All of the sites comprising this option could deliver development within 500m of a bus stop and all but two are within 1,200m of the town centre with its wide range of key services and facilities. This is likely to result in positive effects on: improving access to jobs, services and facilities (which in turn is likely to advance equality of opportunity), improving access to health care, helping to safeguard the vitality and viability of the town centre, providing support for walking and cycling and reducing the need to travel by car. However

sites CH093 and CH128 are more than 1,200m away from the town centre, so this option could result in existing services and facilities being inaccessible for residents of some new developments.

6.1345 There is potential for the cumulative impacts of development to result in the disturbance of habitats (and their connectedness) and of protected species that could not be reasonably mitigated. The option includes sites CH002A and CH024 which border Cecilly Brook Local Nature Reserve, one of the most important sites for water voles (a protected species) in Staffordshire. In addition, sites CH002B, CH006 and CH009 are within 100m of the Reserve.

6.1346 This option is also likely to result in the development of sites subject to risk from flooding, the option includes sites CH002A, CH006, CH020 and CH085B all of which are partly located within a flood zone 3 area; and sites CH085A and CH093 that are partly within flood zone 2.

6.1347 Dependent on proposal specific information, the cumulative impact of development under this option may result in harm or loss to the significance of designated heritage assets. Sites CH009, CH013, CH015, CH024, CH085C, CH085D, CH093 and CH128 are within 400m of one or more grade II listed assets. Site CH015 is within 400m of 24 grade II listed assets; CH013 is within 400m of 38 grade II listed assets and one grade 1 listed asset.

6.1348 Likely negative effects on landscape character have also been identified; sites CH085A, B, C and D, CH093 and CH128 are all greenfield sites outside the current development boundary, however none are within the area identified as "important landscape setting to settlement". Sites CH093 and CH128 have been recommended as appropriate to consider for release from the Green Belt under exceptional circumstances.

6.1349 The option has also been assessed as likely to result in minor negative effects in relation to loss of best and most versatile agricultural land, air quality and greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption arising from construction and occupation of new developments.

Option 3 - Summary of significant effects

6.1350 Sites comprising the option "scattered approach" are located both within and outside the existing settlement boundary. The sites are a range of sizes, three are large enough to yield over 100 homes each, a further six are each expected to yield 50 or more homes. This could be expected to help enable the delivery of a range of types and tenures, making a significant contribution to meeting the housing needs of the whole community.

6.1351 A further positive effect of the option is the opportunity it provides for the delivery of a new school. A new school in the north of Cheadle could be expected to ease some pressure on peak tine journeys to the existing schools that are concentrated in the south west of the town. However this option also includes some sites comprising a small scale extension to the south west, where there is an existing cluster of schools and this may contribute to "school run congeston" issues in this part of the town. All of the sites comprising this option could deliver development within 500m of a bus stop and all but three are within 1,200m of the town centre with its wide range of key services and facilities. This is likely to result in positive effects on: improving access to jobs, services and facilities (which in turn is likely to advance equality of opportunity), improving access to health care, helping to safeguard the vitality and viability of the town centre, providing support for walking and cycling

and reducing the need to travel by car. However sites CH081, CH128 and CH132 are more than 1,200m away from the town centre, so this option could result in existing services and facilities being inaccessible for residents of some new developments.

6.1352 There is potential for the cumulative impacts of development to result in the disturbance of habitats (and their connectedness) and of protected species that could not be reasonably mitigated. The option includes sites CH002A and CH024 which border Cecilly Brook Local Nature Reserve, one of the most important sites for water voles (a protected species) in Staffordshire. In addition, sites CH002B, CH006 and CH009 are within 100m of the Reserve.

6.1353 This option is also likely to result in the development of sites subject to risk from flooding, the option includes sites CH002A, CH006, CH020, CH81 and CH132 all of which are partly located within a flood zone 3 area; and site CH085A that is partly within flood zone 2.

6.1354 Dependent on proposal specific information, the cumulative impact of development under this option may result in harm or loss to the significance of designated heritage assets. Sites CH009, CH013, CH015, CH024, CH075C, CH081, CH085D, and CH128 are within 400m of one or more grade II listed assets. Site CH015 is within 400m of 24 grade II listed assets; CH013 is within 400m of 38 grade II listed assets and one grade 1 listed asset.

6.1355 Likely negative effects on landscape character have also been identified; sites CH075A, B and C, CH081, CH085A and D, CH128 and CH132 are all greenfield sites outside the current development boundary; sites CH075A, B and C lie in the area identified as "important landscape setting to settlement, where impacts may be most significant. Site CH128 has been recommended as appropriate to consider for release from the Green Belt under exceptional circumstances.

6.1356 The option has also been assessed as likely to result in minor negative effects in relation to loss of best and most versatile agricultural land, air quality and greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption arising from construction and occupation of new developments

Mitigation measures proposed

6.1357 It is possible that likely significant effects identified via the SA can be mitigated. To assist this, the following measures have been identified during the appraisal of alternative development approaches. These recommendations will be included in the review of policies undertaken as part of Local Plan preparation.

6.1358 Local Plan policies should help to ensure that:

- Good standards of amenity and open space and Green Infrastructure are delivered as part of new housing development.
- The needs of all members of the community can be addressed by helping to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.
- New developments deliver opportunities to increase take up of sustainable transport choices and improvements to healthy travel networks, including increased opportunities for access to the countryside.
- New developments are well designed, creating safe places and reducing opportunities for anti-social behaviour.

- Developments include appropriate landscaping to aid removal of air pollutants and provide support for the Cheadle Transport Package.
- New developments are directed towards areas of least flood risk and incorporate SuDS wherever possible.
- Impacts on biodiversity are minimised and proposals provide net gains in biodiversity where possible.
- Geologically important sites are afforded protection and enhancement.
- Support is provided for waste minimisation.
- The character of towns / villages; heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings are protected and enhanced.
- The character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources are protected and enhanced.
- Support is given to sustainable economic growth; tourism and the visitor economy; and the vitality and viability of town and village centres.

Recommended preferred option and options dismissed - April 2016

Options proposed for dismissal	Rationale
Option 1: Northern focus	The option could be expected to: • Make a significant contribution to meeting the housing needs of the whole community; • Provide opportunity for delivering a new school in the north of the town where educational facilities are currently lacking; and • Deliver new development within 500m of a bus stop and largely within 1,200m of the town centre, providing good access to services and facilities. However the the cumulative impacts of development could result in: • Disturbance of habitats (and their connectedness) and of protected species that could not be reasonably mitigated; • Harm or loss to the significance of designated heritage assets that could not be reasonably mitigated; and • An increase in the risk of flooding. The option would not be expected to help deliver the southern link road.
Option 2: South western focus	The option could be expected to: • Make a significant contribution to meeting the housing needs of the whole community; • Provide opportunity to deliver the southern link road; and • Deliver new development within 500m of a bus stop and largely within 1,200m of the town centre, providing good access to services and facilities.

Options proposed for dismissal	Rationale
	However the the cumulative impacts of development could result in: • Additional town centre congestion from focusing journeys to school in one part of the town; • Disturbance of habitats (and their connectedness) and of protected species that could not be reasonably mitigated (the effects are less significant than under option 1); • Harm or loss to the significance of designated heritage assets that could not be reasonably mitigated; • Requirement to consider release of sites from the Green Belt; and • An increase in the risk of flooding (the effects are less significant than under option 1). The option would not be expected to help spread location of key sites (such as a new school) to the north of the town.
Option 3: Scattered approach	The option could be expected to: • Make a significant contribution to meeting the housing needs of the whole community; • Provide opportunity for delivering a new school in the north of the town where educational facilities are currently lacking; and • Deliver new development within 500m of a bus stop and largely within 1,200m of the town centre, providing good access to services and facilities. However the the cumulative impacts of development could result in: • Town centre congestion from journeys to school arising from small scale extension to the south west where existing schools are located; • Disturbance of habitats (and their connectedness) and of protected species that could not be reasonably mitigated (the effects are less significant than under option 1); • Harm or loss to the significance of designated heritage assets that could not be reasonably mitigated; • Negative impact on the landscape setting to the settlement; • Requirement to consider release of a site from the Green Belt; and • An increase in the risk of flooding (the effects are less significant than under option 1). The option would not be expected to help deliver the southern link road.

Table 6.10 Development approach options dismissed following appraisal

6.1359 Following further work undertaken since April 2016, a fourth alternative development approach was identified and considered, designed to build on the strengths of the three options previously proposed, whilst minimising the cumulative impacts of development identified in each case.

6.1360 **Option 4: North-South clusters with small sites scattered through the town** proposes two clusters of growth, one to the north and one to the south of Cheadle, with a number of small sites scattered across the town. This option proposes including the following housing sites within the preferred options Local Plan (July 2017):

Sites within development boundary	Potential yield (Number new homes)
Core Strategy Area 1: CH001	240
CH002A	26
CH002B	35
CH004	45
CH013	51
CH015	32
CH020	42
CH024	45
Other potential sites	
CH132 (with CH001 and school)	80
CH085A	120
CH085B	70
CH085C	125
CH085D	95
CH128	20

Table 6.11 Proposed sites comprising North-South clusters with scattered small sites

Summary of appraisal findings - July 2017

6.1361 The full SA appraisal matrix recording the detail of the appraisal of this fourth option is provided in section 9. The summary of findings is set out below.

Option 4 - Summary of significant effects

6.1362 Sites comprising the option "north-south clusters with small sites scattered through the town" are located both within and outside the existing settlement boundary. The sites are a range of sizes, three are large enough to yield over 100 homes each, a further four

are expected to yield 50 or more homes. This could be expected to help enable the delivery of a range of types and tenures, making a significant contribution to meeting the housing needs of the whole community.

6.1363 The option provides opportunity for the delivery of a southern link road to help relieve traffic congestion in the town centre, if required. In addition, enabling a cluster of new development to the south where there are existing school sites whilst also providing land for a new school to the north of the town, is expected to spread journeys to school and help to avoid exacerbating congestion at peak times and this is likely to lead to positive effects on the town centre.

6.1364 All of the sites comprising this option could deliver development within 500m of a bus stop and all but two are within 800m of the town centre with its wide range of key services and facilities. This is likely to result in further positive effects on: improving access to jobs, services and facilities (which in turn is likely to advance equality of opportunity), improving access to health care, helping to safeguard the vitality and viability of the town centre, providing support for walking and cycling and reducing the need to travel by car. However sites CH128 and CH132 are more than 1,200m away from the town centre, so this option could also result in existing services and facilities being less accessible for residents of some new developments.

6.1365 This option (in comparison with other previous options) minimises potential for the cumulative impacts of development to result in the disturbance of habitats (and their connectedness) and of protected species that could not be reasonably mitigated. Whilst the option includes sites CH002A and CH024 which border Cecilly Brook Local Nature Reserve, sites CH006 and CH009 (within 100m of the Reserve) are not identified as preferred options.

6.1366 This option is also less likely than previous options considered to result in the development of sites subject to risk from flooding. The option includes sites CH002A, CH020, CH085A and CH85B but small areas of flood zones 2 or 3 at the edge of each site have been excluded from the boundary of each proposed allocation.

6.1367 Dependent on proposal specific information, the cumulative impact of development under this option may lead to harm or loss to the significance of designated heritage assets or their settings. Site CH015 is within 400m of 24 grade II listed assets; CH013 is within 400m of 38 grade II listed assets and one grade 1 listed asset. Potential negative effects on landscape character have also been identified; sites CH085A, B, C and D, CH128 and CH132 are all greenfield sites outside the current development boundary, however none are within the area identified as "important landscape setting to settlement". Appropriate mitigation measures have been identified by the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016). The option has also been assessed as likely to result in minor negative effects in relation to loss of best and most versatile agricultural land, air quality and greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption arising from construction and occupation of new developments.

Recommended preferred option - July 2017

Option recommended to take forward	Rationale
Option 4: North-south clusters with small sites scattered through the town	The option could be expected to: • Make a significant contribution to meeting the housing needs of the whole community; • Provide opportunity for delivering a new school in the north of the town where educational facilities are currently lacking; • Help avoid additional town centre congestion by spreading journeys to school across both the northern and southern areas of the town; • Provide opportunity to deliver the southern link road if required; • Deliver new development within 500m of a bus stop and largely within 1,200m of the town centre, providing good access to services and facilities; However the the cumulative impacts of development could result in: • An increase in the risk of flooding (the effects are less significant than under all other options identified). • Disturbance of habitats (and their connectedness) and of protected species that could not be reasonably mitigated (the effects are less significant than all other options identified) however it is recommended that strategic development site policies require master-planning growth that may impact on the Cecilly Brook Local Nature Reserve in order to manage impact on the LNR and enable achievement of Water Framework Directive objectives; • Negative effects on landscape character (however reasonable mitigation measures have been identified); • Harm or loss to the significance of designated heritage assets (however reasonable mitigation measures have been identified); and • Requirement to consider Green Belt release if exceptional circumstances can be demonstrated.

Table 6.12 Development approach option recommended to be taken forward

Mitigation measures proposed

6.1368 Local Plan policies for strategic development sites in Cheadle should require:

- Mitigation measures identified in the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016).
- Master-planning growth that may impact on the Cecilly Brook Local Nature Reserve in order to manage impact on the Green Infrastructure Network and the LNR to ensure that Local Plan policy requirements can be met for minimising impacts on biodiversity (and providing net gains in biodiversity where possible); and establishing coherent ecological networks that are more resilient to current and future pressures; as well as

enabling water quality improvements in line with the Water Framework Directive objectives.

6.5 Appraisal of alternative development approaches for the rural areas

Background

6.1369 Policy SS3 of the adopted Core Strategy sets out the broad spatial distribution of housing and employment development across the District. The approach has informed the selection of Preferred Option development sites in the emerging Local Plan.

6.1370 The development approach is one that focuses development on the three market towns of Leek, Cheadle and Biddulph and the larger villages but allows for limited development of other settlements to meet local needs and targets areas in need of regeneration. The proposed development approach facilitates the growth of towns and larger villages, helps to meet needs in other rural areas and assists in bringing forward regeneration opportunities.

	Housing	Employment
Leek	30%	30%
Biddulph	20%	20%
Cheadle	22%	20%
Rural Areas	28%	30%

Table 6.13 Core Strategy Policy SS3 - Distribution of Development

6.1371 Policy SS6 of the adopted Core Strategy defines the Rural Areas as:

- Larger villages
- Smaller villages
- Other rural areas

6.1372 Core Strategy Policy SS6a defines the Larger Villages as; Alton, Biddulph Moor, Blythe Bridge & Forsbrook, Brown Edge, Cheddleton, Endon, Ipstones, Kingsley, Upper Tean, Waterhouses, Werrington & Cellarhead and Wetley Rocks.

6.1373 Core Strategy Policy SS6b defines the Smaller Villages as; Bagnall, Blackshaw Moor, Boundary, Bradnop, Caverswall, Checkley, Consall, Cookshill, Cotton, Dilhorne, Draycott, Foxt, Froghall, Heaton, Hollington, Hulme, Kingsley Holt, Leekbrook, Longsdon, Lower Tean, Meerbrook, Oakamoor, Rudyard, Rushton Spencer, Stanley, Stockton Brook, Swinscoe, Whiston and Winkhill.

6.1374 Core Strategy SS6c defines the other rural areas as being those locations outside of the Larger and Smaller Villages.

6.1375 Core Strategy Policy SS8 supports the development of a Regional Investment Site for high quality, regional scale employment development at Blythe Vale. Given that this site is intended to serve a regional need, it is considered independently of the employment land requirement for the District. It is proposed to take this site forward into the Local Plan as it may have a role to play in supporting the emerging Northern Gateway regeneration initiative.

6.1376 The Northern Gateway initiative spans Cheshire and North Staffordshire and seeks to maximise the regeneration benefits of HS2 related investment in the vicinity of Crewe.

Constraints to development in the Rural Areas

6.1377 A third of the district lies inside the Peak Park - the Peak District National Park Authority represents the special interests of this Park. Of the remainder of the Moorlands, around 30% is designated as Green Belt.

6.1378 The NPPF specifies that the Green Belt is of great importance in order to prevent urban sprawl by keeping land permanently open; the essential characteristics of Green Belts are their openness and their permanence. The NPPF is clear that "once established, Green Belt boundaries should only be altered in exceptional circumstances, through the preparation or review of a Local Plan" (NPPF, Paragraph 83). However the NPPF is equally clear that "Local Plans should meet objectively assessed needs…unless specific policies…indicate development should be restricted" (NPPF, Paragraph 14).

6.1379 In this context, Policy SS5b of the adopted Core Strategy committed the District Council to undertake a comprehensive review of the Green Belt around Biddulph in order to determine the scope for development sites to help meet requirements. Accordingly, a Green Belt Review of the whole District was completed in November 2015 in order to provide a comprehensive review. The review considered the scope to release land from the Green Belt by appraising sites against the five purposes of the Green Belt as set out in the NPPF. The study concluded that generally the extent of the Green Belt should be retained. However, several areas were identified as suitable for release from the Green Belt in exceptional circumstances, including in Biddulph, Cheadle, Blythe Bridge and Forsbrook, Endon, Cheddleton and clusters elsewhere in the District.

6.1380 The Local Plan Preferred Options Sites and Boundaries (2016) therefore sought to amend the Green Belt boundary in some locations in order to facilitate development.

6.1381 In response to feedback from the 2016 Preferred Options Sites and Boundaries consultation, additional sites in the Green Belt were assessed in September 2016 using the same methodology as the November 2015 report. This update identified additional sites that might be suitable for release - subject to exceptional circumstances - in Werrington, Cheddleton, Biddulph, Biddulph Moor and Endon.

6.1382 The Housing White Paper published in February 2017 reaffirmed the Government's commitment to protecting and maintaining the Green Belt, setting out Government proposals to amend the NPPF to make clear that Green Belt boundaries should only be amended when it can be demonstrated that all other reasonable options have been fully examined for meeting an authority's identified development requirements.

6.1383 The February 2017 White Paper sought to specify what counts as exceptional circumstances for Green Belt release and stated that local planning authorities would need to rule out the following options before permitting Green Belt development:

- making effective use of suitable brownfield sites and the opportunities offered by estate regeneration;
- the potential offered by land which is currently underused, including surplus public sector land where appropriate;
- optimising the proposed density of development; and
- exploring whether other authorities can help to meet some of the identified development requirement.

6.1384 Further to this, where land is removed from the Green Belt, the White Paper proposed that local policies should require the impact to be offset by compensatory improvements to the environmental quality or accessibility of remaining Green Belt land.

6.1385 The preferred option at April 2016 was re-examined in the light of the requirement proposed in the White Paper for authorities to examine fully all other reasonable options before amending Green Belt boundaries. It was considered that options other than Green Belt release were available to the Council in order to meet housing need. A decision broadly to preserve the Green Belt in line with national planning policy meant that housing land must be looked for elsewhere.

6.1386 An alternative approach to meeting housing need was set out in the emerging Local Plan in July 2017. This alternative approach relied on redirecting a small percentage of growth to the towns accompanied by a strategic site release in the rural areas.

6.1387 Representations made during consultation on the Preferred Options Local Plan published for consultation in July 2017 highlighted that the revised approach amended the spatial distribution of housing as acknowledged in the committee report to Council Assembly 19th July 2017.

6.1388 As part of ongoing plan preparation the Council identified and appraised a number of alternative options for delivering growth in rural areas. An SA of these alternative options was carried out in December 2017 in order to ensure that the Local Plan published for representations in February 2018 was based on a development approach for the rural areas found to be the most sustainable when considered against reasonable alternatives.

Selection of alternatives for appraisal - December 2017

6.1389 Four reasonable alternative development approaches for the rural areas were considered. These were:

1. Preferred Option 2016: Green Belt release.
2. Countryside release.
3. Growth redirected to towns
4. Strategic site release

6.1390 **Option 1 - (Preferred Option 2016): Green Belt release** proposes to distribute growth in rural areas according to the spatial strategy across a range of small sites in larger villages, facilitated by green belt release and a windfall allowance in order to accommodate the scale and distribution of growth set in policy SS3 of the SMDC Core Strategy.

6.1391 **Option 2 - Countryside release** proposes to distribute growth in rural areas across a range of sites through small extensions into the countryside around both larger and smaller villages, identifying a windfall allowance, but restricting green belt release in order to accommodate the scale and distribution of growth set in policy SS3 of the SMDC Core Strategy.

6.1392 **Option 3 - Growth redirected to towns** proposes to reduce the distribution of development to the rural areas to that which can be accommodated via small housing sites in larger villages and a windfall allowance, restricting green belt release and increasing the distribution of development to the towns.

6.1393 **Option 4 - Strategic site release proposes to** accommodate the scale and distribution of growth set in Core Strategy policy SS3 by identifying a strategic site to consolidate growth in the rural areas and by identifying further small sites in larger villages, and a windfall allowance, whilst restricting Green Belt release.

Summary of appraisal findings

6.1394 The full SA appraisal matrices recording the detail of the appraisal findings are set out in section 19 of this report. The summary of findings is set out below.

Option 1 - Summary of significant effects

6.1395 Sites comprising the April 2016 preferred option (green belt release) are a range of sizes, seven are expected to yield 50 or more homes and this is expected to help enable the delivery of a range of types and tenures, making a significant contribution to meeting the housing needs of the whole community. This is likely to result in positive effects on a number of village centres and may help support opportunities for investment in culture and tourism with positive effects on the local economy. Sites comprising this option could deliver development within 500m of a bus stop and or within the proximity of a number of village centres with some key services and facilities. This is likely to result in positive effects on: improving access to jobs, services and facilities (which in turn is likely to advance equality of opportunity), improving access to health care, helping to safeguard the vitality and viability of village centres, providing support for walking and cycling and reducing the need to travel by car.

6.1396 However this option relies on a number of small or medium sized allocations in the larger villages mainly outside the existing settlement boundaries and this is likely to lead to negative effects on the District's ecological and GI networks. Larger villages with potential allocations include Ipstones and Waterhouses risking potential effects on European sites arising from recreational pressure. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that this option may lead to the deterioration of the settings of designated or non-designated heritage assets, applicants should be required to provide an NPPF compliant heritage statement. Likely negative effects on landscape character have also been identified, this option is likely to include sites that fall within the important landscape setting to settlement" and sites assessed as being of some landscape sensitivity, however site-specific landscape mitigation measures may be available. The option has also been assessed as likely to result in minor negative effects in relation to loss of best and most versatile agricultural land, air quality and greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption arising from construction and occupation of new developments.

6.1397 This option relies on green belt release. The government has proposed a requirement on authorities to examine fully all other reasonable options before amending green belt.

Option 2 - Summary of significant effects

6.1398 Sites comprising the countryside release option are expected to be small settlement extensions, in keeping with the scale of the villages, and consequently few are expected to yield 50 or more homes, potentially restricting the delivery of the full range of types and tenures of new homes, although this option is still expected to make a positive contribution to meeting the housing needs of the community. This is likely to result in positive effects on a number of village centres and may help support opportunities for investment in culture and tourism with positive effects on the local economy.

6.1399 Whilst some sites comprising this option could deliver development within 500m of a bus stop and or within the proximity of a larger village centre with some key services and facilities, the smaller villages tend to be remote from the public transport network and from the main towns and this is likely to result in negative effects on: access to jobs, services and facilities including healthcare (which in turn is likely to detract from equality of opportunity). Similarly there is likely to be negative effects resulting from the option being unlikely to support residents travelling to key destinations by walking or cycling.

6.1400 This option relies on countryside release around larger and smaller villages not constrained by Green Belt and this is likely to lead to negative effects on the District's ecological and GI networks. Villages with potential allocations include Ipstones, Waterhouses, Blackshaw Moor, Heaton, Meerbrook, Swinscoe and Winkhill, risking potential effects on European sites arising from recreational pressure. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that this option may lead to the deterioration of the settings of designated or non-designated heritage assets, applicants should be required to provide an NPPF compliant heritage statement. Likely negative effects on landscape character have also been identified, this option is likely to include sites contrbuting to the setting of the Peak District National Park, or that fall within the important landscape setting to settlement" and sites assessed as being of some landscape sensitivity, however site-specific landscape mitigation measures may be available. The option has also been assessed as likely to result in minor negative effects in relation to loss of best and most versatile agricultural land, air quality and greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption arising from construction and occupation of new developments.

Option 3 - summary of significant effects

6.1401 Sites comprising the option "growth redirected to towns" are expected to be a range of sizes, some are expected to yield 100 or more homes, potentially enabling the delivery of a wide range of types and tenures of new homes, consequently this option is expected to make a significant positive contribution to meeting the housing needs of the community. This is likely to result in further positive effects on a number of larger village centres ans well as the towns and may help support opportunities for investment in culture and tourism with positive effects on the local economy.

6.1402 Sites comprising this option are expected deliver development generally within 500m of a bus stop and or within the proximity of a larger village or town centre with some key services and facilities and this is likely to result in positive effects on: access to jobs and

other services and facilities including healthcare (which in turn is likely to support equality of opportunity). Similarly there is likely to be positive effects resulting from the option being likely to support residents travelling to key destinations by walking or cycling.

6.1403 However this option relies on reducing the distribution of development to the rural areas and increasing the distribution to the owns, limiting Green Belt release and this is likely to lead to significant negative effects on the District's ecological and GI networks, with additional growth directed to the east of Cheadle, potentially in proximity to the Cecilly Brook corridor. Larger villages with potential allocations include Ipstones and Waterhouses, with further growth expected to be directed to the east of Leek, risking potential effects on European sites arising from recreational pressure. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that this option may lead to the deterioration of the settings of designated or non-designated heritage assets, applicants should be required to provide an NPPF compliant heritage statement. As growth is being distributed principally to those larger villages and towns not constrained by Green Belt there is likely to be a disproportionate impact of growth on the character of these settlements, Leek and Cheadle in particular. Likely negative effects on landscape character have also been identified, this option is likely to include sites contributing to the setting of the Peak District National Park, or that fall within the important landscape setting to settlement" and sites assessed as being of some landscape sensitivity, (including sites to the east of Leek) however site-specific landscape mitigation measures may be available. The option has also been assessed as likely to result in minor negative effects arising from potential traffic increases in or near to areas of existing poor air quality.

Option 4 - Summary of significant effects

6.1404 By consolidating growth in the rural areas into a large strategic site, this option may be expected to help enable the delivery of a range of types and tenures of new homes, making a significant contribution to meeting the needs of the whole community. The option could also make a significant contribution to the delivery of affordable homes. This is likely to result in positive effects on a number of settlement centres and may help support opportunities for investment in infrastructure, including in culture and tourism, with positive effects on the local economy. Consolidating growth may also have positive effects on the local economy through helping to bring forward regeneration opportunities. The identified strategic site at Blythe Bridge would deliver development in proximity to the District's only railway station. Blythe Bridge is on the Crewe - Stoke - Derby line and this is likely to result in a positive effect on supporting the use of public transport. Blythe Bridge has a range of facilities and services including schools, play facilities, community library and general store and this is likely to result in positive effects on: improving access to jobs, services and facilities (which in turn is likely to advance equality of opportunity), improving access to health care, helping to safeguard the vitality and viability of town and village centres, providing support for pubic transport, walking and cycling and reducing the need to travel by car.

6.1405 Consolidation of growth in the rural areas within a strategic site helps to avoid reliance on a number of small or medium sized allocations in the larger villages and this is likely to help mitigate predicted effects on the District's ecological and GI networks and reduce the impact of disturbance of habitats by development. It will also help avoid the need to allocate sites in larger villages such as Ipstones, close to the national park and to European sites, helping reduce the risk of potential effects on such sites arising from recreational pressure. However dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that this option may lead to the deterioration of the settings of designated or non-designated heritage assets, applicants should be required to provide an NPPF compliant heritage statement. In addition, the option identifies a large development site in the rural areas and this risks leading to a

negative effect on the character and appearance of Blythe Bridge. Likely negative effects on landscape character have also been identified, this identified strategic site falls within the "important landscape setting to settlement" and some sites required for this option may be assessed as being of some landscape sensitivity, however site-specific landscape mitigation measures may be available. The option has also been assessed as likely to result in negative effects in relation to loss of best and most versatile agricultural land, air quality and greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption arising from construction and occupation of new developments.

Recommended preferred option and options dismissed

Proposed for dismissal	Rationale
Option 1: (Preferred Option 2016) Green Belt release	The option could be expected to: • Maintain the distribution of development set out in the Core Strategy. • Enable an appropriate scale of development in the rural areas to support sustainable communities. However the cumulative impacts of development could result in: • Disturbance of habitats (and their connectedness) that could not be reasonably mitigated. • An increase in the risk of likely significant effects on European sites arising from increased recreational pressure. • Deterioration of the settings of designated or non-designated heritage assets that could not be reasonably mitigated. • Loss of landscape character and / or impact on the setting of the peak district national park and settlements in the District that could not be reasonably mitigated. The option relies on the allocation of a large number of small sites in the rural areas with associated risks that: • Opportunities to invest in infrastructure are reduced. • Housing needs are not met if a proportion of small sites fail to come forward as expected. • Exceptional circumstances test cannot be met resulting in the approach not being compliant with NPPF Green Belt policy.
Option 2: Countryside release	The option requires the growth of smaller villages and this is contrary to the spatial strategy / settlement hierarchy. The option could be expected to: • Maintain the distribution of development set out in the Core Strategy. • Restrict Green Belt release in line with the NPPF / White Paper. • Enable an appropriate scale of development in the rural areas to support sustainable communities. However the cumulative impacts of development could result in: • Disturbance of habitats (and their connectedness) that could not be reasonably mitigated.

Proposed for dismissal	Rationale
	• An increase in the risk of likely significant effects on European sites arising from increased recreational pressure. • Deterioration of the settings of designated or non-designated heritage assets that could not be reasonably mitigated. • Loss of landscape character and / or impact on the setting of the peak district national park and settlements in the District that could not be reasonably mitigated. The option relies on the allocation of a large number of small sites in the rural areas with associated risks that: • Development is delivered in locations without infrastructure / services to support it. • Opportunities to invest in infrastructure are reduced. • Housing needs are not met if a proportion of small sites fail to come forward as expected.
Option 3: Growth redirected to towns	The option amends the distribution of development set out in the Core Strategy. The option could be expected to: • Reflect the settlement hierarchy (avoiding growth in smaller villages). • Restrict Green Belt release in line with the NPPF / White Paper. However the cumulative impacts of development could result in: • Disturbance of habitats (and their connectedness) that could not be reasonably mitigated. • An increase in the risk of likely significant effects on European sites arising from increased recreational pressure. • Deterioration of the settings of designated or non-designated heritage assets that could not be reasonably mitigated. • Loss of landscape character and / or impact on the setting of the peak district national park and settlements in the District that could not be reasonably mitigated. The option relies on reduced distribution of development to the rural areas with associated risks that: • reduced investment in services and facilities in the rural areas results. • an uneven distribution of development is delivered with growth focused on the three towns. • there is an increase in car travel as the focus of growth and investment in the towns draws people into Leek, Cheadle and Biddulph from the surrounding settlements.
Option 4: Strategic site release	The option could be expected to: • Maintain the distribution of development set out in the Core Strategy. • Restrict Green Belt release in line with the NPPF / White Paper.

Proposed for dismissal	Rationale
	• Enable an appropriate scale of development in the rural areas to support sustainable communities. • Consolidate development sites in the rural areas to improve deliverability and support regeneration opportunities and infrastructure improvements. • Deliver housing outside the Green Belt in a sustainable and accessible location. However the cumulative impacts of development could result in: • negative impacts on the character and appearance of the rural area where the strategic site is located. • Deterioration of the settings of designated or non-designated heritage assets that could not be reasonably mitigated. • Loss of landscape character and / or impact on the setting of the peak district national park and settlements in the District that could not be reasonably mitigated. The option relies on the allocation of a large site in the rural areas with associated risk that: • The allocation is not consistent with the spatial strategy / settlement hierarchy.

Table 6.14 Development approach options dismissed following appraisal

6.1406 The alternatives identified above were dismissed according to the rationale identified in the table above. However elements of options 3 and 4 were identified as offering sustainable development benefits. A fifth option - a hybrid of options 3 and 4 was identified as Option 5 (preferred option July 2017).

6.1407 **Option 5 (Preferred Option July 2017) - Growth redirected to towns accompanied by strategic site release** proposes to reduce the Rural Areas' share of the District's housing requirement from 28% to 25% in order to reflect the constrained supply of suitable sites. Increase Cheadle's share of the District's housing requirement from 22% to 25% to reflect the availability of suitable development sites outside of the Green Belt. Identify a strategic site to consolidate growth in the rural areas, identify further sites in larger villages, and a windfall allowance, restricting Green Belt release.

Preferred option July 2017 - summary of significant effects

6.1408 Increasing Cheadle's share of the District's housing requirement and reducing the proportion of growth allocated to a strategic site in the rural areas is expected to help enable the delivery of a range of types and tenures of new homes, making a significant contribution to meeting the needs of the whole community. The option could also make a significant contribution to the delivery of affordable homes. This is likely to result in positive effects on a number of settlement centres and may help support opportunities for investment in infrastructure, including in culture and tourism, with positive effects on the local economy. Consolidating growth may also have positive effects on the local economy through helping to bring forward regeneration opportunities. The identified strategic site at Blythe Bridge would deliver development in proximity to the District's only railway station. Blythe Bridge is

on the Crewe - Stoke - Derby line and this is likely to result in a positive effect on supporting the use of public transport. Blythe Bridge has a range of facilities and services including a GP Surgery, schools, play facilities, community library and general store and this is likely to result in positive effects on improving access to services and facilities (which in turn is likely to advance equality of opportunity). Under this Option, Cheadle's share of the District's housing requirement is increased and this together with consolidation of growth in the rural areas to a well connected site is expected to help improve accessibility to jobs.

6.1409 Consolidation of growth in the rural areas within a strategic site helps to avoid reliance on a number of small or medium sized allocations in the larger villages and this is likely to help mitigate predicted effects on the District's ecological and GI networks and reduce the impact of disturbance of habitats by development. It will also help avoid the need to allocate sites in larger villages such as Ipstones, close to the national park and to European sites, helping reduce the risk of potential effects on such sites arising from recreational pressure. However dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that this option may lead to the deterioration of the settings of designated or non-designated heritage assets, applicants should be required to provide an NPPF compliant heritage statement. In comparison with option 4, this option reduces the proportion of growth allocated to a strategic site in the rural areas and this is expected to help mitigate the risk of leading to a negative effect on the character and appearance of Blythe Bridge. Likely negative effects on landscape character have also been identified, the identified strategic site falls within the "important landscape setting to settlement" and some sites required for this option may be assessed as being of some landscape sensitivity, however site-specific landscape mitigation measures may be available. The option has also been assessed as likely to result in negative effects in relation to loss of best and most versatile agricultural land, air quality and greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption arising from construction and occupation of new developments.

Option recommended to be taken forward	Rationale
Option 5:(Preferred Option July 2017) Growth redirected to towns accompanied by strategic site release	The option amends the distribution of development set out in the Core Strategy but enables the Council to meet its objectively assessed need for housing in line with the principles in the spatial strategy and to reduce the amount of land that will be required to be removed from Green Belt. The option could be expected to: • Restrict Green Belt release in line with the NPPF / White Paper. • Be more closely aligned with the spatial strategy than option 4. • Better recognise the needs of both urban and rural areas than option 3. • Consolidate development sites in the rural areas to improve deliverability and support regeneration opportunities and infrastructure improvements. • Deliver housing outside the Green Belt in a sustainable and accessible location. • Enable development to be focused where it could achieve high levels of affordable housing. However the cumulative impacts of development could result in:

Option recommended to be taken forward	Rationale
	• negative impacts on the character and appearance of the rural area where the strategic site is located. • Deterioration of the settings of designated or non-designated heritage assets that could not be reasonably mitigated. • Loss of landscape character and / or impact on the setting of the peak district national park and settlements in the District that could not be reasonably mitigated.

Table 6.15 Development approach option recommended to take forward

Mitigation measures proposed

6.1410 It is possible that likely significant effects identified via the SA can be mitigated. To assist this, the following measures have been identified during the appraisal of alternative development approaches and fed into the Local Plan preparation process. Local Plan policies should help to ensure that:

- Good standards of amenity and open space and Green Infrastructure are delivered as part of new housing development.
- The needs of all members of the community can be addressed by helping to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.
- New developments deliver opportunities to increase take up of sustainable transport choices and improvements to healthy travel networks, including increased opportunities for access to the countryside.
- New developments are well designed, creating safe places and reducing opportunities for anti-social behaviour.
- Developments include appropriate landscaping to aid removal of air pollutants.
- New developments are directed towards areas of least flood risk and incorporate SuDS wherever possible.
- Impacts on biodiversity are minimised and proposals provide net gains in biodiversity where possible.
- Geologically important sites are afforded protection and enhancement.
- Support is provided for waste minimisation.
- The character of towns / villages; heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings are protected and enhanced.
- The character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources are protected and enhanced.
- Support is given to sustainable economic growth; tourism and the visitor economy; and the vitality and viability of town and village centres.

6.6 Appraisal of preferred option policies

Selection of alternatives

6.1411 The Staffordshire Moorlands Core Strategy was adopted in March 2014. The Core Strategy contains a suite of existing policies consistent with the NPPF. However since adoption a number of new or emerging planning policies and regulations of relevance have been introduced. These include:

- The Housing and Planning Act 2016
- Self-Build and Custom House Building Act 2015 and associated Regulations (2016)
- The Town and Country Planning (Brownfield Land Register) Regulations 2017
- Town and Country Planning (Permission in Principle) Order 2017
- Neighbourhood Planning Act 2017
- Housing White paper published February 2017

6.1412 Existing core strategy policies have thus been reviewed as part of the Local Plan preparation process and updated where the evidence base or national planning policy context requires it. For this reason, alternative approaches to delivering policy objectives have not been appraised, the Core Strategy policy has been taken as the most appropriate policy option in the first instance. However the policies, updated as required, have been considered the preferred approach and appraised to identify likely significant effects. Mitigation measures have been identified where appropriate.

6.1413 The following text summarises the outcomes of policy appraisal work carried out between December 2016 and February 2017 and was used to help inform the revision of preferred option policies for preparation of the Local Plan Preferred Options July 2017. The text and policy numbers thus refer to the policy options as at December 2016.

Strategic Policies

6.1414 **Policy SS1 Development Principles** expects development to contribute positively to the social, economic and environmental improvement of the District in partnership with other agencies and services. All proposals for development will be considered in the context of the District-wide spatial strategy. Significant positive effects include the likelihood of improvements to the social and environmental quality of the neighbourhood and improved access to jobs, services and facilities. Policy intent is to secure a mix of types and tenures of quality, affordable homes, including starter homes and this could make a significant contribution to meeting the needs of the whole community. Further positive effects are likely to result from the intentions to maintain the distinctive character of the District's towns and villages and their settings; to protect and enhance the natural and historic environment of the District and to create sustainable, self-sufficient settlements encouraging a strong, prosperous and diverse economy. Whilst no significant negative effects were predicted, a number of policy improvements were identified as follows:

6.1415 **Mitigation**: The policy could make reference to enhancement of the District's GI network and to the needs of older people, including for extra care provision. The policy should seek to mitigate the impacts of climate change through supporting delivery of renewable and low carbon forms of energy. The location of identified areas of poor air quality should be a factor in considering preferred locations for new development and the delivery

of significant soft landscape features should be required to help maximise the removal of air pollutants where necessary. The Policy could refer to strengthening links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport.

6.1416 **Policy SS2 Presumption in favour of Sustainable Development** sets out how the Council will work with applicants to facilitate development that improves the economic, social and environmental conditions of Staffordshire Moorlands. Significant positive effects were identified. Since the Policy reflects the presumption in favour of sustainable development set out in the NPPF, no mitigation measures were identified.

6.1417 **Policy SS3 Future Provision and Distribution of Development** sets out that provision will be made for 6,080 additional dwellings in the plan area during the period 2012 to 2031. Provision will also be made for at least 35 hectares of additional employment land between 2011 and 2031 and for new retail, transport, recreational, community and tourism facilities and services to meet the identified needs of settlements. Significant positive effects include the likelihood of improvements to the social and environmental quality of the neighbourhood and improved access to jobs, services and facilities. Meeting objectively assessed housing need could make a significant contribution to meeting the needs of the whole community. Provision of new homes will help to enhance the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages. Lower housing targets would have less of a positive impact on vitality and viability. Provision of new homes and employment land to meet identified need could facilitate the delivery of new employment opportunities or residential development in close proximity to existing employment provision. A lack of new homes to accommodate growth may limit economic development through a fall in the labour force. No mitigation measures were identified.

6.1418 **Policy SS4 Strategic Housing Development** manages the release of housing land in order to deliver the level and distribution of development set out in other policies. Significant positive effects include helping to meet the housing needs of the whole community through enabling the Plan's objectively assessed housing need to be delivered. Provision of new homes will also help to enhance the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages. Lower housing targets would have less of a positive impact on vitality and viability and a lack of new homes may limit economic development through a fall in the labour force. No mitigation measures were identified.

6.1419 **Policy SS5 Towns** identifies Leek, Biddulph and Cheadle as towns, with these settlements accommodating the major proportion of the District's housing, employment and retail needs. Significant positive effects include helping to enhance the vitality and viability of the District's towns through strengthening their role as service centres.

6.1420 **Mitigation**: Whilst no significant negative effects were predicted, the appraisal notes that the Policy might be improved by including a reference to helping strengthen links between rural areas and towns, including by sustainable forms of transport, to help sustain a vibrant rural economy also.

6.1421 **Policy SS6 Leek Area Strategy** seeks to consolidate the role of Leek as the principal service centre and a market town and to support its regeneration. Policy intent is to increase the range of available and affordable house types, especially for first time buyers and older people and this is likely to make a significant contribution to meeting the housing needs of the whole community. Further positive effects are likely to result from the intentions to create employment growth and increase the diversity of employment opportunities; strengthen the role of Leek as a principal service and retailing centre for the District and to

promote Leek's special character and heritage. Significant positive effects also include the likelihood of improvements to the social and environmental quality of neighbourhoods and improved access to jobs, services and facilities. Whilst no significant negative effects were predicted, a number of policy improvements were identified as follows:

6.1422 **Mitigation**: The policy should refer to the District's GI Strategy and to strengthening links between rural areas and the town by sustainable forms of transport. The policy should seek to mitigate the impacts of climate change through supporting delivery of renewable and low carbon forms of energy. The policy should also refer to taking opportunities to enhance the character and appearance of the landscape, including the historic landscape, paying particular attention to the quality of the urban / rural interface.

6.1423 **Policy SS7 Biddulph Area Strategy** seeks to enhance the role of Biddulph as a significant service centre and a market town and to support its regeneration. Policy intent is to increase the range of available and affordable house types, especially for first time buyers, families and older people and this is likely to make a significant contribution to meeting the housing needs of the whole community. Further positive effects are likely to result from the intentions to create employment growth and increase the diversity of employment opportunities; strengthen the role of Biddulph as a significant service and retailing centre for the District and to improve the image and identity of Biddulph and strengthen its role as a visitor destination. Significant positive effects also include the likelihood of improvements to the social and environmental quality of neighbourhoods and improved access to jobs, services and facilities. Whilst no significant negative effects were predicted, a number of policy improvements were identified as follows:

6.1424 **Mitigation**: The policy should refer to the District's GI Strategy, in particular to supporting measures to encourage walking and cycling, improving and creating pedestrian and cycle links in the town and to increasing access into the countryside by foot, cycling and horse riding. The policy should seek to mitigate the impacts of climate change through supporting delivery of renewable and low carbon forms of energy. The policy should also refer to taking opportunities to enhance the character and appearance of the landscape, including the historic landscape, paying particular attention to the quality of the urban / rural interface and to increasing tourist opportunities for visitors.

6.1425 **Policy SS8 Cheadle Area Strategy** seeks to expand the role of Cheadle as a significant service centre and a market town. Policy intent is to increase the range of available and affordable house types, especially for first time buyers and families and this is likely to make a significant contribution to meeting the housing needs of the whole community. Further positive effects are likely to result from the intentions to create employment growth and increase the diversity of employment opportunities; expand the role of Cheadle as a significant service and retailing centre for the District and to improve environmental quality and accessibility. Whilst no significant negative effects were predicted, a number of policy improvements were identified as follows:

6.1426 **Mitigation:** The policy should refer to the District's GI Strategy and to meeting the needs of older people, including with extra care housing. The policy should seek to mitigate the impacts of climate change through supporting delivery of renewable and low carbon forms of energy. The policy should also refer to taking opportunities to enhance the character and appearance of the landscape, including the historic landscape, paying particular attention to the quality of the urban / rural interface and to increasing tourist opportunities for visitors.

6.1427 **Policy SS9 Rural Areas** establishes a development requirement for the rural areas defined as larger villages, smaller villages and other rural areas and ensures that development in the rural areas reflects the spatial strategy. Positive effects are noted as follows. The policy categorises villages based on their population, services, facilities and capacity for development and this is likely to contribute to maintaining and strengthening local distinctiveness and sense of place. The policy also seeks to deliver the employment land necessary to provide sufficient local employment opportunities in the villages and to enhance and diversify employment provision at existing employment sites in the rural areas and this is likely to facilitate the delivery of new employment opportunities. Whilst no significant negative effects were predicted, a policy improvement was identified as follows:

6.1428 **Mitigation**: Option 2 for the policy should make clear that "local" infrastructure includes social infrastructure.

6.1429 **Policy SS10 Larger Villages Area Strategy** identifies the larger villages and seeks to retain and enhance their role as rural service centres, providing for the bulk of the local housing needs of the rural areas and also for limited employment needs of a scale and type appropriate to each settlement having regard to local needs, infrastructure capacity and character. Policy intent is to increase the range of available and affordable house types, especially for first time buyers and families and this is likely to make a significant contribution to meeting housing needs. Further positive effects are likely to result from the intentions to enable small scale new employment development and improve the use of existing employment areas; retain and enhance the role of rural areas as rural service centres and to ensure that new development reflects and enhances each village's special character and heritage. Whilst no significant negative effects were predicted, a number of policy improvements were identified as follows:

6.1430 **Mitigation**: The policy should support environmental enhancements, including the improvement and creation of Local Green Spaces. It should refer to the District's GI Strategy and improving pedestrian and cycle links through the villages and to surrounding towns and villages and into the countryside, as well as to meeting the needs of older people, including with extra care housing. The policy could refer to taking opportunities to enhance the character and appearance of the landscape, including the historic landscape, paying particular attention to the edge of settlements.

6.1431 **Policy SS11 Smaller Villages Area Strategy** identifies the smaller villages and seeks to ensure these settlements provide only for appropriate development which enhances community vitality or meets a social or economic need of the settlement and its hinterland. Policy intent is to enable new housing development which meets a need, including affordable housing, and this is likely to make a positive contribution to meeting housing needs. Further positive effects are likely to result from the intentions to enable small scale new employment development including live-work units; protect and enable services and facilities which are essential to sustain rural living and to ensure that new development does not undermine the character and life of the settlement. Whilst no significant negative effects were predicted, a number of policy improvements were identified as follows:

6.1432 **Mitigation**: The policy should support environmental enhancements, including the improvement and creation of Local Green Spaces. It should refer to the District's GI Strategy and improving pedestrian and cycle links through the villages and to surrounding towns and villages and into the countryside, as well as to meeting the needs of older people, including with extra care housing. Policy should seek to ensure that new development reflects and

enhances each village's special character and heritage. The policy could also refer to taking opportunities to enhance the character and appearance of the landscape, including the historic landscape, paying particular attention to the edge of settlements.

6.1433 **Policy SS12 Other Rural Areas Strategy** identifies the other rural areas as comprising the countryside and the green belt outside settlement boundaries and including those small settlements and dispersed developments not identified in policies SS10 and SS11. Policy intent is that these areas will provide only for development which has an essential need to be located in the countryside, supports rural diversification, contributes to sustainability of the rural areas, promotes sutainable tourism or enhances the countryside. Significant positive effects include enhancing and conserving the quality of the countryside, including recognising and conserving the special quality of the landscape in the Peak District National Park, and limiting uses which generate a substantial number of regular trips in areas that are not well served by public transport - as this is likely to help to reduce the number of journeys made by car. Further positive effects are likely to result from encouraging measures which protect and enhance the biodiversity and geological resources, as well as the heritage of the district. Also, from measures to sustain the rural economy and enhance tourist opportunities. Whilst no significant negative effects were predicted, a policy improvement was identified as follows:

6.1434 **Mitigation**: The policy should refer to the District's GI Strategy and improving pedestrian and cycle links, including into the countryside, as well as improving opportunities for related leisure activities such as horse riding.

6.1435 **Policy SS13 Churnet Valley Strategy** manages development according to the aims of the strategy for the Churnet Valley and the Churnet Valley Masterplan SPD. Policy intent is enable the Churnet Valley to provide a strong focus for sustainable rural regeneration across the district and this may help to advance equality of opportunity as well as to enhance the vitality and viability of the area's towns and villages. Further positive effects for health and for reducing the need for car use are likely to result from the intentions to enhance and develop links to strategic footpaths, cycle and horse riding routes and to improve connectivity and accessibility to and within the Churnet Valley by all forms of sustainable transport. In addition support for measures to protect and enhance the biodiversity, landscape character and heritage assets of the valley are all likely to lead to additional positive effects. Whilst no significant negative effects were predicted, a number of policy improvements were identified as follows:

6.1436 **Mitigation**: Policy should require the protection of notable geological and geomorphological features and should seek to mitigate the impacts of climate change through supporting delivery of renewable and low carbon forms of energy.

6.1437 **Policy SS14 Northern Gateway Opportunity Site** supports the development of a Regional Investment Site for high quality employment development at this location and in line with the Northern Gateway. This is a large site (the northern area is approximately 19 ha and the southern area is approximately 29 ha) on the south-eastern outskirts of Blythe Bridge. The A50 runs through the middle of the site from the north-west to the south-east. The site as a whole is extensively surrounded by farm land to the east, south and west and by housing and built environment to the north. However, it is effectively isolated from the wider landscape because it is encircled by major roads (the A50 and A521) to the north and east, Cresswell Lane to the south and the Crewe to Derby railway line to the west. The river Blithe runs adjacent to the railway line further to the west. The majority of the site consists of uniform, improved grassland used for pasture. This habitat is common and widespread

both locally and throughout the UK. Policy intent is to deliver high quality employment development and this is likely to encourage investment in businesses, people and infrastructure leading to a strengthened and more diversified economy, as well as facilitating the delivery of new employment opportunities. Further positive effects for minimising disadvantages are likely as a result of the site serving a regional need for employment and potentially other community requirements as this may help to advance equality of opportunity and address community need. However potentially significant negative effects on climate change were predicted as the proposal could significantly increase the need to travel by less sustainable forms of transport, increasing road traffic and congestion. Also the site is partially located within a mineral consultation area - bedrock sand. A number of policy improvements were identified as follows:

6.1438 **Mitigation**: The policy should require measures to improve connectivity and accessibility to the site by sustainable transport means having regard to the GI strategy. The policy should also seek to mitigate the impacts of climate change through supporting delivery of renewable and low carbon forms of energy and should support measures to enhance, protect and interpret landscape character. In addition, appropriate consultation will need take place to ensure sand resources are safeguarded from unnecessary sterilisation by non-mineral development.

6.1439 **Policy SS15 Planning Obligations and Community Infrastructure Levy** provides clarity regarding the Council's approach to developer contributions. The policy could enable the provision of new, or the significant enhancement of existing, community facilities and services and this is likely to make a positive contribution towards community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live. Further positive effects on health and the supply of new homes to meet need were identified, as developer contributions may help to ensure the delivery of an appropriate quantity and quality of open space, sport and recreation facilities and an increase in the supply of affordable homes. No policy improvements were identified.

Sustainable Development Policies

6.1440 **Policy SD1 Sustainable Use of Resources** sets out a range of measures in relation to the sustainable use of resources and measures to address climate change. These include encouragement to be given to development on previously developed land and a requirement for major developments to demonstrate that consideration has been given to energy efficiency, water conservation, sourcing of construction materials, site orientation and integration of micro-renewables. Significant positive effects on minimising contributions to climate change are predicted to arise from the policy requirement that all development should adapt to climate change and the encouragement for re-use of construction or construction waste materials. Further positive effects are likely to result from the support for development that is located to minimise energy needs as this is likely to result in the location of development in proximity to existing services and facilities. Whilst no significant negative effects were predicted, a policy improvement was identified as follows:

6.1441 **Mitigation:** Policy should clarify that any remediation of brownfield land should pay particular attention to the need to identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources.

6.1442 **Policy SD2 Renewable / low-carbon energy** gives support to new renewable energy development whilst recognising that the siting and design of all stand-alone renewables installations requires careful consideration to protect the natural and built environment and other amenities. Significant positive effects on minimising contributions to climate change

are predicted to arise from the policy intent to meet part of the District's future energy demand through renewable or low-carbon energy sources. Whilst no significant negative effects were predicted, a policy improvement was identified as follows:

6.1443 **Mitigation**: The policy should clarify that impacts on the landscape includes the historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.

6.1444 **Policy SD3 Sustainability Measures in Development** supports a number of measures which can improve the sustainability of new or existing development, including exceeding thermal efficiency or water conservation standards, contributing to District Heating networks or the installation of micro-renewables. Significant positive effects on minimising contributions to climate change are predicted to arise from the policy intent to support further carbon- or water-saving measures. No significant negative effects were predicted however a policy improvement was identified as follows:

6.1445 **Mitigation**: The policy should require all new residential and commercial development where car parking / garaging is proposed to install a facility to permit the recharge of an electrical battery-powered vehicle.

6.1446 **Policy SD4 Pollution** seeks to ensure that the effects of pollution (air, land, noise, water, light) are avoided or mitigated. Significant positive effects on improving air quality and soil and land resources are predicted to result. No significant negative effects were predicted.

6.1447 **Policy SD5 Flood Risk** establishes flood control measures. Significant positive effects on reducing flood risk are predicted to result. Whilst no significant negative effects were predicted, a policy improvement was identified as follows:

6.1448 **Mitigation:** When considering planning applications the Council should also have regard to the Local Flood Risk Management Strategy; the Policy might also include that where a watercourse is present on a development site, it should be retained or restored into a natural state and enhanced where possible.

Economy and Employment Policies

6.1449 **Policy E1 New Employment Development** will ensure that there is a choice of sustainably located employment sites, attractive to developers and operators and appropriate to market needs. In order to ensure that the local workforce and businesses benefit from new development, the policy also proposes local labour agreements where appropriate to contribute towards training programmes and employment support and access schemes. Significant positive effects on advancing equality of opportunity; safeguarding the vitality of towns and sustaining a vibrant rural economy are predicted to result. Further positive effects on sustainable economic growth, diversification of the economy and high and stable level of employment were identified. There is potential for negative effects on contribution to climate change arising from policy support for new business developments, as this is likely to result in greater energy use.

6.1450 **Policy E2 Employment Allocations** ensures allocation of sufficient employment land to support the housing requirement. Significant positive effects on advancing equality of opportunity and safeguarding the vitality of towns are predicted to result. Further positive effects on sustainable economic growth, diversification of the economy and high and stable

level of employment were identified. There is potential for negative effects on contribution to climate change arising from the allocation of sites for new business developments, as this is likely to result in greater energy use.

6.1451 **Policy E3 Existing Employment Areas** seeks to retain existing employment sites where appropriate. Significant positive effects on reducing the number of journeys made by car and advancing equality of opportunity are likely to result from the policy intent to help retain employment sites well served by the public transport network and to support mixed use developments. Further positive effects on sustainable economic growth, diversification of the economy, high and stable level of employment and safeguarding the vitality of towns were identified. There is potential for negative effects on contribution to climate change arising from new business development, as this is likely to result in greater energy use.

6.1452 **Policy E4 Tourism and Cultural Development** supports the development of the tourist industry with new development proposals to be assessed according to the extent to which they support the local economy and promote the distinctive character and quality of the District. Significant positive effects on encouraging sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness are likely to result from this. Further positive effects on reducing the number of journeys made by car and advancing equality of opportunity, sustainable economic growth, diversification of the economy, high and stable level of employment and safeguarding the vitality of towns were identified. There is potential for negative effects on contribution to climate change arising from new development, as this is likely to result in greater energy use.

6.1453 **Policy E5 Rural Economy** aims to support the rural economy, enable appropriate rural economic diversification and meet the needs of rural communities whilst seeking to protect the countryside from inappropriate development. Significant positive effects on advancing equality of opportunity are likely to result from support for the rural economy. Further positive effects on reducing the number of journeys made by car and sustainable economic growth, diversification of the economy, and high and stable level of employment were identified. There is potential for negative effects on contribution to climate change arising from new development, as this is likely to result in greater energy use.

6.1454 **Mitigation**: Policy should amend the definition of appropriate development to include avoidance of harm to local landscape character or appearance, including the historic landscape; as well as to non-designated historic assets.

Housing Policies

6.1455 **Policy H1 New Housing Development** seeks to ensure that an appropriate range of sizes, types and tenures of housing is provided, supporting the provision of flexible accommodation delivered in accordance with the nationally described space standard and to meet accessibility standards set out in the Optional Requirement M4(2) of building regulations. Significant positive effects on ensuring the supply new homes meet local needs including affordable / social / extra care are likely to result from enabling the Plan's objectively assessed housing need to be delivered. Further positive effects on enhancing the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages and supporting stable levels of employment were identified. There is potential for negative effects on contribution to climate change arising from new development, as this is likely to result in greater energy use. No mitigation measures were identified.

6.1456 **Policy H2 Housing Allocations** identifies sites as suitable for housing development in order to meet the housing target set out in Policy SS3. Significant positive effects on ensuring the supply of new homes to meet local needs are likely to result from site allocations. Further positive effects on enhancing the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages and supporting stable levels of employment were also identified. Further detail relating to any predicted impacts on biodiversity, landscape or townscape character is provided in the specific sites appraisals. There is potential for negative effects on contribution to climate change arising from supply of land for new development, as this is likely to result in greater energy use. No mitigation measures were identified.

6.1457 **Policy H3 Affordable Housing** identifies thresholds for an affordable housing target of 33% in towns and the larger villages; in or on the edge of smaller villages, small schemes for 100% affordable housing will be permitted on suitable rural exception sites; the policy also sets a starter homes target. Significant positive effects on ensuring the supply of new homes to meet local needs are likely to result from provision of affordable housing. Further positive effects on enhancing the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages and supporting stable levels of employment were also identified. There is potential for negative effects on contribution to climate change arising from new development, as this is likely to result in greater energy use. No mitigation measures were identified.

6.1458 **Policy H4 Rural Housing** recognises that the re-use of rural buildings for commercial purposes is preferable to that of residential uses and establishes criteria for re-use, the policy also recognises the need to safeguard rural buildings considered to be of particular merit in terms of their contribution to local character or heritage and the need to deliver affordable homes. Positive effects on ensuring the supply of new homes to meet local needs are likely to result from provision of affordable housing, provision of rural housing is also likely to benefit the development of sustainable communities and community cohesion. Further positive effects on helping sustain the rural economy were identified from helping to meet rural housing need. There is potential for negative effects on contribution to climate change arising from new development, as this is likely to result in greater energy use; and from a likely increased use of private transport. Policy improvements were identified as follows:

6.1459 **Mitigation**: Policy should require housing to remain affordable for successive occupiers in perpetuity and include a requirement for sites to be adequately served by existing services and facilities.

6.1460 **Policy H5 Gypsy and Traveller Sites and Sites for Travelling Showpeople** sets out the criteria for determination of applications for gypsy and traveller sites or for making future site allocations. Significant positive effects on meeting identified housing need is likely to result from the policy intent to meet the needs of the gypsy, traveller and travelling show people community. Access to accommodation and local services and facilities is likely to lead to further positive impacts on health and well-being for gypsies and travellers and establishing the considerations that will be taken into account for determining applications or future allocations is likely to lead to positive effects on helping ensure community safety and local environmental quality.

Town Centres and Retailing Policies

6.1461 **Policy TCR1 Development in the Town Centres** seeks to maintain the vitality and viability of town centres by supporting measures that lead to the enhancement and regeneration of the shopping and town centre environment, promoting their tourism potential

and maintaining local distinctiveness by supporting proposals that help to retain and attract independent retailers. Significant positive effects were predicted for Improving access to jobs, services and facilities. Further positive effects were identified for maintaining the vitality and viability of the towns, protecting the towns as service centres, promoting sustainable economic growth and diversification of the economy and on supporting high and stable levels of employment.

6.1462 **Mitigation**: Whilst no significant negative effects were predicted, the appraisal notes that the Policy might be improved by including a reference to helping strengthen links between rural areas and towns, including by sustainable forms of transport, in order to help sustain a vibrant rural economy also. The policy should encourage proposals that deliver high quality public spaces and require active ground floor frontages to be maintained and created within town centres with appropriate town centre uses.

6.1463 **Policy TCR2 Primary Shopping Frontages** safeguards the retail function at the heart of town centres. Significant positive effects were predicted for maintaining the vitality and viability of the towns, protecting the towns as service centres, promoting sustainable economic growth and supporting high and stable levels of employment. Further positive effects were identified for tourism as vibrant shopping areas are likely to support the visitor economy. No significant negative effects were predicted although it is likely that new development will result in increased energy use and greenhouse gas emissions.

6.1464 **Policy TCR3 Retailing and other Town Centre uses outside Town Centres** provides support for local shopping facilities. Significant positive effects were predicted for maintaining the vitality and viability of smaller, local centres, promoting sustainable economic growth and supporting high and stable levels of employment. Further positive effects were identified for improving access to jobs, services and facilities (including by non-car journeys) and tourism, as appropriate support for retailing and other town centre uses outside town centres is likely to result in support for the visitor economy. No significant negative effects were predicted although it is likely that new development will result in increased energy use and greenhouse gas emissions.

Design and Conservation Policies

6.1465 **Policy DC1 Design Considerations** includes measures to promote locally distinctive, creative and sensitive design solutions to delivering new development, including incorporating sustainable construction techniques and design concepts to reduce the impact of development. Significant positive effects include the likelihood of improvements to the social and environmental quality of neighbourhoods and positive impacts on health and well-being. The policy seeks to promote the maintenance, enhancement, restoration and re-creation of biodiversity and geological heritage where appropriate and this could make a significant contribution to the protection of natural assets, although the significance of effect is dependent on implementation of the policy. Further positive effects are likely to result from the policy intent to deliver well designed development and high quality built environment and public realm as this is likely to lead to investment in business, people and infrastructure, resulting in a strengthened and more diversified economy, more vibrant town and village centres and sustained levels of employment. Whilst no significant negative effects were predicted, a number of policy improvements were identified as follows:

6.1466 **Mitigation**: Policy should include a requirement for developments to be well integrated for car, pedestrian and cycle use as well as other sustainable transport links. It should also seek to mitigate the impacts of climate change through supporting delivery of

renewable and low carbon forms of energy and include a requirement for the creation of healthy environments (to address potential impacts of air pollution). The Policy should require development that secures the effective use of resources, including making best use of existing buildings, and that retains the distinctive character of the landscape (including historic landscape) with any change managed positively.

6.1467 **Policy DC2 The Historic Environment** seeks to ensure that sites and areas of particular heritage value are safeguarded for the future and where possible enhanced, both for their own heritage merits and as part of wider heritage led regeneration proposals. Significant positive effects include protection and enhancement of the character of towns and villages, as well as heritage assets and their settings and the character of historic landscapes. Further positive effects are likely to result from the policy intent to safeguard the District's historic environment as heritage led regeneration schemes may lead to investment in business, people and infrastructure, resulting in a strengthened and more diversified economy, more vibrant town and village centres and sustained levels of local employment. No significant negative effects were predicted.

6.1468 **Policy DC3 Landscape and Settlement Setting** seeks to protect and where possible enhance local landscape and the setting of settlements. Significant positive effects include protecting the distinctive character of towns and villages and the character of character / appearance of local landscapes, including historic landscapes and other natural assets. Further positive effects included support for the District's tourism attraction and help to maintain the visitor economy. Whilst no significant negative effects were predicted, a policy improvement was identified as follows:

6.1469 **Mitigation**: Policy should require that development maintains the biodiversity qualities of any natural or man-made features within the landscape, such as trees, woodlands, hedgerows, walls, watercourses or ponds and that development supports ecological networks in accordance with the GI strategy.

6.1470 **Policy DC4 Local Green Spaces** seeks to protect those green spaces that are of particular importance to communities. Significant positive effects include benefiting the social and environmental quality of neighbourhoods and protecting the distinctive character of towns and villages. Further positive effects included support for the District's tourism attraction and help to maintain the visitor economy. No significant negative effects were predicted.

Sustainable Communities Policies

6.1471 **Policy C1 Creating Sustainable Communities** supports proposals which protect, retain or enhance existing community facilities in towns and villages and includes measures to resist proposals that involve the loss of local facilities. There is a requirement to incorporate the infrastructure required as a result of any scheme or to make provision for financial contributions. Significant positive effects for community cohesion, neighbourhood quality and access to services are anticipated from the policy intent to ensure that new development contributes to the creation of safe, livable and mixed communities with good access to jobs and key services including recreation facilities. Further positive effects are likely to arise from new community facilities, particularly in smaller villages and other rural areas contributing to the viability of communities. Creation of sustainable communities is likely to lead to improvements in health and well-being in the long term. No significant negative effects were predicted however a policy improvement was identified as follows.

6.1472 **Mitigation**: Policy should clarify that community infrastructure includes health services.

6.1473 **Policy C2 Sport, Recreation and Open Space** provides continued protection from development for existing areas identified for recreational land and buildings including school playing fields and amenity space and supports the provision of new sport, recreation and open space facilities consistent with guidance in the Council's SPD. Significant positive effects for health and well-being and creating and maintaining high quality local neighbourhoods are anticipated and this is also likely to lead to positive effects on townscape quality, helping to maintain the visitor economy. Further positive effects are likely to arise from new recreation facilities, particularly in smaller villages and other rural areas contributing to the viability of communities. Provision of new facilities is also likely to have positive effects on improving access to services in the long term. No significant negative effects were predicted however a policy improvement was identified as follows:

6.1474 **Mitigation**: Policy should require new sport, recreation and open space facilities to be accessible by a choice of means of transport.

6.1475 **Policy C3 Green Infrastructure** is supported by a Green Infrastructure strategy and recognises that the District's wide range of existing and potential green infrastructure assets will benefit from a strategic approach ensuring that adequate protection is given to key features; areas are identified where new linkages and assets need to be created and guidance and management is provided for development that may impact on such areas. Significant positive effects on a wide range of SA objectives were identified, including for health and well-being; creating and maintaining high quality local neighbourhoods and improving connectivity to a range of facilities via helping to establish or improve green travel links. Further positive effects on biodiversity and geodiversity are likely to arise from support for the creation of new wildlife habitats; enhancement of existing sites and creating links between them. Use of green infrastructure for effective flood risk and waterways management is likely to result in positive effects on water quality and climate change adaptation. Development of a high quality and multi-functional GI network that attracts visitors and provides recreation opportunities is also likely to have positive effects on sustainable economic growth and diversification of the economy. No significant negative effects were predicted however policy improvements were identified as follows:

6.1476 **Mitigation**: Policy should require support for improving green travel links to existing and new services and facilities, as well as formal and informal recreation opportunities, and should refer to support for the development of ecological networks in line with the GI strategy. The Policy should also explicitly include geodiversity as a green infrastructure asset.

6.1477 **Policy NE1 Biodiversity and Geological Resources** establishes a range of measures to protect and enhance biodiversity and geological resources. Significant positive effects on a wide range of SA objectives were identified, including for health and well-being; creating and maintaining high quality local neighbourhoods and biodiversity and geodiversity. Further positive effects are likely to arise from the contribution of habitat protection to effective flood risk and waterways management and climate change adaptation. No significant negative effects were predicted however policy improvements were identified as follows:

6.1478 **Mitigation**: Because of their importance to the landscape of the Staffordshire Moorlands, the plan should include a specific policy to protect trees, woodlands and hedgerows from loss or deterioration, to ensure the protection of these natural assets outside designated sites. The Biodiversity Opportunity Map should be published alongside the plan.

6.1479 **Policy T1 Development and Sustainable Transport** supports development which reduces reliance on the private car for journeys, reduces the need to travel generally and helps to deliver more sustainable settlement patterns. Significant positive effects on a wide range of SA objectives were identified, including for health and well-being; creating and maintaining high quality local neighbourhoods; reducing the need to travel by car and increasing access to a range of services and facilities. Further positive effects are likely to arise from reducing the need to travel generally including in relation to air quality, help to support healthy, inclusive and sustainable communities and supporting the visitor economy. No significant negative effects were predicted.

6.1480 **Policy T2 Other Sustainable Transport Measures** supports measures which promote better accessibility, creates safer roads, reduces the impact of traffic or facilitates highway improvements. Significant positive effects on a wide range of SA objectives were identified, including for health and well-being; creating and maintaining high quality local neighbourhoods; reducing the need to travel by car and increasing access to a range of services and facilities. Further positive effects are likely to arise from seeking improvements to the existing road, bus and rail networks generally, including in relation to air quality, help to support healthy, inclusive and sustainable communities and supporting the visitor economy. No significant negative effects were predicted.

How the SA informed preparation of the Preferred Option Plan July 2017

6.1481 Preparation of the Preferred Option Plan (July 2017) took into account the findings of the appraisals described above. Section 8.3 of this report sets out where changes to policies were made as a result of the SA.

Screening of proposed changes to Preferred Options Policies - January 2018

6.1482 Minor changes to most of the Preferred Option policies were suggested during preparation of the Submission version Local Plan. These amendments were in most cases proposed to aid clarity, to respond to a consultation response, or to take account of latest evidence and guidance.

6.1483 In January 2018, proposed changes to preferred option policies were screened to identify if any changes would result in modifying the intent or approach of a Policy such that a re-appraisal of that Policy by the SA was required. An account of this is given in section 21 of this report.

6.1484 The screening of changes proposed to Preferred Options Policies undertaken to help inform preparation of the Submission version Local Plan (February 2018) has not identified a requirement for further SA. In a number of cases, proposed changes are expected to lead to enhanced positive effects for a number of SA Objectives.

Cumulative Effects

7 Cumulative Effects

7.1 The SEA Directive requires that the assessment of effects should include "secondary, cumulative, synergistic, short, medium and long-term permanent and temporary effects" (SEA Directive Annex I). The emerging Staffordshire Moorlands Local Plan sets out the spatial principles and overarching criteria that will be applied to development within the plan area over the plan period until 2031. In many instances, given the strategic level of the Plan, it is difficult to be precise about when and in what form the effects will arise, and how one effect might relate to another.

7.2 However, it is possible to draw some broad conclusions about the nature of the effects that the SA has identified:

7.3 Most of the effects will be permanent, in that the Plan aims to deliver development that will last the time. There will inevitably be some temporary and short or medium term effects, particularly during construction, which will vary depending on the nature, scale and form of development, and the specific conditions that will apply during the construction process. Typical effects during construction will include amenity impacts such as noise, traffic generation, dust (air quality), and visual impact. There could also possibly be effects on soils and water resources/quality, although it would normally be possible to mitigate against the most significant effects arising.

7.4 The effects which have been identified in the appraisal of the development strategy and policies, both positive and negative, are likely to increase over time, as the policies in the Plan are rolled out and implemented. For example, the delivery of housing will be phased over the Plan period. This also means that increasing amounts of affordable housing would become available over the same period. Any changes to settlement character, including impacts such as on landscape and townscape, will increase as development is delivered, depending upon the quality of the development delivered.

7.5 The policies within the Plan are assessed for their individual impacts, but there may be collective effects which occur as a result of the policies being implemented in combination. These impacts may be greater than the sum of implementing individual policies.

7.6 The key areas which were identified as having potential cumulative impacts were:

7.7 Climate change - this is related to an increase in population, leading to increasing levels of energy consumption and traffic generation. The provision of energy efficient buildings, accessible services and support for non-car modal journeys also impact on this issue. Climate change in turn can impact on health, flooding and biodiversity.

7.8 Maintaining biodiversity and landscape character can cumulatively impact on health, soil and water quality, opportunities for leisure and recreation, economic growth and the preservation of the character of local communities. In particular, due to the presence of a number of water bodies in areas of proposed growth, Local Plan policies need to mitigate any cumulative implications of new development on local Water Framework Directive compliance and ensure that watercourses do not deteriorate in status, and are retained at, or returned to, their most natural possible condition.

7.9 The table below represents a summary of how the emerging Plan's set of options perform cumulatively against the SA objectives.

SA Objective	Cumulative Effects	Mitigation
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	The policies and proposals in the plan provide a strategic approach to delivering options for supporting and delivering high quality development, leisure, recreation and open space in the district, together with new homes and opportunities for new jobs. The delivery of these options will require partnership working within the Council and with other external organisations.	Ensure appropriate community engagement and consultation through the application of policies in the Local Plan and the delivery of new schemes and developments.
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	The plan directs new facilities towards appropriate locations in terms of the settlement hierarchy. Facilities are also protected from inappropriate redevelopment for alternative uses. Many of the options have good existing links with the main towns and larger villages and sustainable transport links. Some of the proposals in themselves present opportunities for new and improved sustainable transport links. Cumulatively these aspects of the Local Plan will help to advance equality of opportunity and reduce social exclusion.	Provide measures to include access to facilities through sustainable modes of transport where relevant. Ensure that specific development proposals and schemes are informed by the needs of the local community through consultation and partnership working.
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	The plan provides policies and proposals to support increased access for residents and visitors to open space, green infrastructure and sport and recreation facilities. Cumulatively these will have benefits for health and fitness within the district through increased opportunity for physical activity and connecting with the natural environment with associated mental health benefits. However increased levels of traffic associated with new developments may lead to an increase in transport related air pollution such as nitrogen dioxide and particulates which may exacerbate health problems such as asthma.	Ensure that developments in areas where nitrogen dioxide levels do not meet air quality objectives are required to provide an air quality assessment.
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	Opportunities will arise through the design of development schemes and public space to address environmental improvements in the interests of improved public safety and security.	Consider specific issues of safety and security through implementing relevant design measures.

SA Objective	Cumulative Effects	Mitigation
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social / extra care housing.	The policies and proposals in the plan will enable the housing needs of the district to be met to 2031. Policies and options are designed to meet the need for market and affordable housing and the level of housing growth required to support potential employment growth.	Ensure that development proposals meet the assessed housing needs of the district as identified in the 2014 Strategic Housing Market Assessment.
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	The policies and proposals in the plan support improvements to the strategic network of sustainable transport links. The plan also directs new development towards accessible locations in accordance with the spatial strategy. Options are well associated with settlements and where possible link well with sustainable transport routes. Cumulatively these aspects of the Local Plan will help to strengthen links between rural areas and towns and maximise access via sustainable means of transport.	Ensure new developments maximise opportunities to improve access via sustainable modes of transport and contribute to the district's green infrastructure strategy.
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	The policies and proposals in the plan support a planned increase in population that is likely to lead to increasing levels of energy consumption and traffic generation with associated negative impacts on climate change. This will need to be mitigated through existing proposed Local Plan policies. The plan includes policies for improving sustainable transport links within the district which will support a modal shift and an associated reduction in transport related greenhouse gas emissions. The plan also protects green infrastructure in the district that provides an existing carbon sink.	Encourage energy efficiency within development schemes. Maximise opportunities for greening and planting within new development schemes. Promote sustainable modes of transport.
8. To improve air quality.	Increased levels of traffic associated with new developments may lead to an increase in transport related air pollution. The plan includes policies for improving sustainable transport links within the district which will support a modal shift	Use of travel plans for new developments to promote sustainable modes of transport.

SA Objective	Cumulative Effects	Mitigation
	and an associated reduction in transport related air pollution.	
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	Whilst policies and proposals direct development to areas of lowest flood risk, some development site options are close to areas of flood zones 2 and 3 and flood risk assessments will need to be carried out. Some development site options are close to water courses and as part of the EU Water Framework Directive (WFD) the Local Plan must help ensure such water bodies meet a required status by 2026. Local Plan policies need to mitigate any implications of new development on local WFD compliance and ensure that watercourses do not deteriorate in status, and are retained at, or returned to, their most natural possible condition.	Promote the use of sustainable drainage solutions within schemes. Contribute to addressing the priority issues for the Dove catchment partnership as set out in the December 2015 update to the Humber River Basin District Management Plan.
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	New development proposed within this plan includes options on both greenfield and brownfield land. Whilst the ecological value of site options has been considered in assessment of site options, there may be a cumulative impact of proposals on maintaining biodiversity. The plan recognises the importance of protecting and enhancing the district's natural resources for the benefit of biodiversity and the character and amenity of the area. An associated Habitats Regulations Assessment has tested the plan's policies and proposals on European sites with associated recommendations made for mitigation measures where appropriate. Local Plan policies require consideration of the impact of new development on ecology which should help to conserve biodiversity.	Require ecological surveys and appropriate mitigation for schemes within known areas of potential biodiversity interest.
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and	New development proposed within this plan includes options on both greenfield and brownfield land. Whilst the impact of site options on soil and land resources has been considered in assessment of site options, there may be a cumulative	Direct development away from best and most versatile agricultural land.

SA Objective	Cumulative Effects	Mitigation
enhance geological resources.	impact of proposals on the availability of best and most versatile agricultural land. The plan recognises the importance of protection and enhancement of geological resources.	
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	The plan directs new development in accordance with the spatial strategy to appropriate locations and provides opportunities for the re-use of previously developed land where appropriate.	Require sustainable construction methods in new schemes, such as waste minimisation, water and energy efficiency.
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	The plan recognises the need to consider the impact of new development on the character of towns and villages as well as heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	Require proposals to include appropriate assessment of their impact on designated and non-designated heritage assets and their settings.
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	The plan recognises the need to consider the impact of new development on the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	Require proposals to include appropriate assessment of their impact on landscape character including the historic landscape.
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	The policies and proposals support enhancement of existing facilities for sustainable tourism and cultural heritage and the provision of new facilities in sustainable locations to serve the local community.	Ensure that proposals contribute to maintaining local distinctiveness.
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	The policies and proposals in the plan support and promote the rural economy, as well as the sustainable development of the three main towns.	Ensure support for the rural economy.
17. To strengthen, modernise and	The plan provides policies and options that support and promote the sustainable	Ensure support for local businesses and those

SA Objective	Cumulative Effects	Mitigation
diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	economic growth of the district. Cumulatively these policies will help raise the profile of the district as a destination and an attractive place to live, work and invest.	seeking to locate to the district.
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	The policies and options in the plan will support existing and new employment opportunities within the district.	New developments should include a commitment to provide employment opportunities for local residents.

Table 7.1 Cumulative performance of proposed options against SA Objectives

Interactions with other Relevant Plans And Projects (Inter-Plan Effects)

7.10 In considering the effects of the Local Plan with other plans and projects, priority has been given to key documents that affect planning and development in the District and its neighbouring authorities. The aim of the analysis of inter-plan effects was to identify how other plans and key projects may affect the sustainability of Staffordshire Moorlands as a District.

7.11 Table 7.2 below summarises key inter-plan cumulative effects.

Plans, programmes or projects	Significant combined effects of Staffordshire Moorlands Local Plan Strategy with other plans, projects or policies
Neighbouring Local Plans (Cheshire East: Macclesfield and Congleton; Newcastle-under-Lyme; Stoke-on-Trent; Stafford; East Staffordshire; High Peak; Derbyshire Dales; Peak District National Park)	**Negative** • Increased pressures on Green Belt, open/green space and biodiversity assets from recreation, disturbance and direct development. • Overall growth in greenhouse gas emissions from a growth in traffic/transport and emissions from the built environment. • Potential for a negative cumulative effect on air quality and water through increased atmospheric emissions, water abstraction and water pollution (surface water runoff and consented discharges). • These effects along with increased levels of disturbance (recreational activity) have the potential for cumulative negative effects on biodiversity. • Increase overall in coverage of impermeable services, with potential contributions to flood risk in the long term.
Local Transport Plan	**Positive**

Plans, programmes or projects	Significant combined effects of Staffordshire Moorlands Local Plan Strategy with other plans, projects or policies
	• Incremental improvements to sustainable transport networks, including walking and cycling. • Reduced congestion, improvements to key roads and junctions.
Neighbourhood Plans (Biddulph; Brown Edge; Checkley; Draycott-in-the-Moors; Forsbrook; Leek; Leekfrith; Rushton)	**Positive**
	Neighbourhood plans must be in general conformity with the strategic policies of the Local Plan. There is the potential therefore for Neighbourhood Plans to contribute to the significant positive and negative cumulative effects identified for the Local Plan. There is also the potential for Neighbourhood Plans to enhance positive effects as well as reduce the negative effects as they can reflect the local environmental conditions and sustainability issues for that area.

Table 7.2 Inter-plan cumulative effects

Summary of Plan effects

8 Summary of Plan effects

8.1 Whole plan sustainability impacts have been considered.

8.2 The Plan can be seen to offer significant positive impacts associated with the provision of new homes, both in the allocation of a mix of housing sites across the District, and also in the inclusion of appropriate housing related policies that seek sustainable development in sustainable locations.

8.3 The combined impacts of the proposals set out in the Plan are however likely to lead to losses in greenfield land, both in and around the main towns and other sustainable settlements. Some green belt release is also proposed. This can be considered inevitable given the scale of growth required and considering the diminishing amount of land that is previously developed. It should be noted that a strong emphasis on maximising the use of brownfield land is clear throughout the plan, for example the allocation of the mill sites in Biddulph. The plan also includes measures to address any impacts on landscape character.

8.4 The Plan can be seen to offer significant positive impacts associated with employment and economic development, both in the allocation and safeguarding of employment land across the District, and also in the inclusion of appropriate employment related policies that seek sustainable development in sustainable locations. The Plan's polices and allocations can also be seen to promote and ensure the viability of town and village centres, with secondary cumulative positive implications on tourism and heritage.

8.5 The Plan will ensure good accessibility and significant improvements to infrastructure through a series of general and site specific policies.

8.6 Sustainable travel is a key principle of the plan and is reflected in the distribution of growth and the Plan's allocations. There is an emphasis on the main towns as a location for development, with the development potential of brownfield land maximised, green belt release minimised and allocations made in the rural areas to help ensure that the needs of urban and rural areas can be met.

8.7 Accessibility by sustainable transport means is supported. Walking and cycling is promoted through the proximity of growth to existing employment opportunities and other key services and facilities , as well as further ensured through development management policy to help provide green infrastructure network improvements. This is likely to result in secondary cumulative positive impacts on health improvements.

8.8 The Plan seeks to protect and enhance the significant heritage assets of the District. Impacts have been limited through the selection of site allocations. Although it is expected that any remaining identified impacts can be mitigated, there is less certainty whether the enhancement of assets can be sought on a plan-wide level. Despite this however, some important benefits can be sought through application of development management and strategic development site policies.

8.9 Similarly the Plan seeks to conserve and enhance biodiversity and other natural assets. Whilst overall impacts of the plan have been limited through the selection of site allocations and further mitigation is available through application of policy, there is again less certainty whether the enhancement of assets can be sought on a plan-wide level.

8.10 The Plan as a whole can be considered to have uncertain impacts on air and water quality. Policy proposals exist to minimise these impacts. Regarding air quality, it should be considered that the Plan's focus on supporting use of sustainable transport will assist in minimising effects, as will the proposed focus of development in and around the towns and sustainable settlements and promotion of the District's GI strategy.

8.11 With regard to other climate change factors, whilst the Plan seeks to ensure energy efficiency, the impacts of growth and associated travel can be expected to make a contribution to climate change.

8.12 The inclusion of relevant policy considerations and the allocation of sites in flood zone one means that the Plan is not expected to result in an increase in flood risk.

8.1 Summary of significant sustainability effects

The SEA Directive requires

- an environmental report to include … "the likely significant effects on the environment of implementing the plan or programme, and reasonable alternatives …"
- "an outline of the reasons for selecting the alternatives dealt with and a description of how the assessment was undertaken including any difficulties … encountered in compiling the required information"
- "the measures envisaged to prevent, reduce and as fully as possible offset any significant adverse effects on the environment of implementing the plan or programme".

8.13 With reference to the requirements of the SEA Directive outlined above, options / alternatives have been appraised and their likely significant effects "identified, described and evaluated" as described in the previous sections. The appraisals included an explanation of why different options were selected and the possible measures envisaged to prevent, reduce and as fully as possible offset any significant adverse effects.

8.14 A summary of significant effects and mitigation measures is provided below.

Policy	Potential significant sustainability effects	Mitigation
SS1 Development Principles	Significant positive effects include the likelihood of improvements to the social and environmental quality of the neighbourhood and improved access to jobs, services and facilities. Policy intent is to secure a mix of types and tenures of quality, affordable homes, including starter homes and this could make a significant contribution to meeting the needs of the whole community. Further positive effects are likely to result from the intentions to maintain the distinctive character of the District's towns and villages and their settings; to protect and enhance the natural	Use of Policies DC1 and SD3 to ensure high quality design and energy efficiency of new homes.

Policy	Potential significant sustainability effects	Mitigation
	and historic environment of the District and to create sustainable, self-sufficient settlements encouraging a strong, prosperous and diverse economy.	
SS1a Presumption in favour of Sustainable Development	Primary effect is positive, reflecting the presumption in favour of sustainable development in the NPPF.	None identified.
SS2 Settlement Hierarchy	Primary effect is positive: to deliver appropriate scale development within settlements, providing good access to services and facilities.	Beneficial effects maximised by provision of clarity around the approach to development in the rural areas.
SS3 Future Provision and Distribution of Development	Significant positive effects include the likelihood of improvements to the social and environmental quality of the neighbourhood and improved access to jobs, services and facilities. Meeting objectively assessed housing need could make a significant contribution to meeting the needs of the whole community. Provision of new homes will help to enhance the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages. However there will be some loss of greenfield land to development. Other negative effects include an expected increase in traffic and associated air quality impacts and an increase in energy use from new homes and new journeys generated.	Spatial strategy and strategic approach to development, focusing development in and around main towns and sustainable settlements in the rural areas. Use of Policies DC1 and SD3 to ensure high quality design and energy efficiency of new homes.
SS4 Strategic Housing and Employment Land Supply	Primary effect is positive: to meet identified housing requirement and deliver economic growth; contributing to the viability of town and village centres. Associated effects of an increase in energy use and use of the road network.	Use of other policies to ensure that new development is located in areas suitable for development. Use of Policies DC1 and SD3 to ensure high quality design and energy efficiency of new development.

Policy	Potential significant sustainability effects	Mitigation
SS5 Leek Area Strategy	Policy seeks to promote sustainable growth and to strengthen Leek's role as the principal town in the District. Positive effects are likely to result from the intentions to create employment growth and increase the diversity of employment opportunities. Significant positive effects also include the likelihood of improvements to the social and environmental quality of neighbourhoods and improved access to jobs, services and facilities. However negative effects are risked on landscape character and heritage assets. Improvements to access and car parking may increase the number of journeys made by car.	Use of Policy DC3 to enhance local landscape and the setting of the settlement where appropriate. Use of Policy DC2 to conserve heritage assets in a manner appropriate to their significance. Use of Policy C3 to protect and develop Green Infrastructure.
SS6 Biddulph Area Strategy	Policy seeks to promote sustainable growth, with improved connections to the rest of the District. This is expected to result in a significant contribution to meeting the housing needs of the whole community. Further positive effects are likely to result from the intentions to create employment growth and increase the diversity of employment opportunities; strengthen the role of Biddulph as a significant service and retailing centre for the District and to improve the image and identity of Biddulph and strengthen its role as a visitor destination. Significant positive effects also include the likelihood of improvements to the social and environmental quality of neighbourhoods and improved access to jobs, services and facilities. However there may be negative effects arising from the impact of development on countryside and other natural and built assets.	Use of Policy DC3 to enhance local landscape and the setting of the settlement where appropriate. Use of Policy DC2 to conserve heritage assets in a manner appropriate to their significance. Use of Policy C3 to protect and develop Green Infrastructure.
SS7 Cheadle Area Strategy	Policy seeks to promote sustainable growth and this is expected to make a significant contribution to meeting the housing needs of the whole community. Further positive effects are likely to result from the intentions to create employment growth and increase the diversity of employment opportunities; expand the role of Cheadle as a	Use of Policy DC3 to enhance local landscape and the setting of the settlement where appropriate. Use of Policy DC2 to conserve heritage assets in a manner appropriate to their significance. Use

Policy	Potential significant sustainability effects	Mitigation
	significant service and retailing centre for the District and to improve environmental quality and accessibility. Positive effects were identified for economic growth and town centre development. However potential negative effects are identified from the impact of housing growth on landscape character and other natural and built assets.	of Policy C3 to protect and develop Green Infrastructure.
SS8 Larger Villages Area Strategy	Policy identifies the larger villages and seeks to retain and enhance their role as rural service centres. Significant positive effects include meeting housing needs and the positive impacts on the economy from enabling small scale new employment development, improving the use of existing employment areas; retaining and enhancing the role of rural areas as rural service centres and ensuring that new development reflects and enhances each village's special character and heritage.	Use of Policy DC3 to enhance local landscape and the setting of the settlement where appropriate. Use of Policy DC2 to conserve heritage assets in a manner appropriate to their significance. Use of Policy C3 to protect and develop Green Infrastructure.
SS9 Smaller Villages Area Strategy	Policy intent is to enable new housing development which meets a need, including affordable housing, and this is likely to make a positive contribution to meeting housing needs. Further positive effects are likely to result from the intentions to enable small scale new employment development including live-work units; protect and enable services and facilities which are essential to sustain rural living and to ensure that new development does not undermine the character and life of the settlement.	Use of Policy DC3 to enhance local landscape and the setting of the settlement where appropriate. Use of Policy DC2 to conserve heritage assets in a manner appropriate to their significance. Use of Policy C3 to protect and develop Green Infrastructure.
SS10 Other Rural Areas Strategy	Significant positive effects include enhancing and conserving the quality of the countryside, including recognising and conserving the special quality of the landscape in the Peak District National Park, and limiting uses which generate a substantial number of regular trips in areas that are not well served by public transport - as this is likely to help to reduce the number of journeys made by car. Further positive effects are likely to result from	Use of Policy DC3 to enhance local landscape and the setting of the settlement where appropriate. Use of Policy DC2 to conserve heritage assets in a manner appropriate to their significance. Use

Policy	Potential significant sustainability effects	Mitigation
	encouraging measures which protect and enhance the biodiversity and geological resources, as well as the heritage of the district. Also, from measures to sustain the rural economy and enhance tourist opportunities.	of Policy C3 to protect and develop Green Infrastructure.
SS11 Churnet Valley Strategy	Significant positive effects are expected to result from providing a focus for sustainable rural regeneration across the district as this may help to advance equality of opportunity as well as to enhance the vitality and viability of the area's towns and villages. Further positive effects for health and for reducing the need for car use are likely to result from the intentions to enhance and develop links to strategic footpaths, cycle and horse riding routes and to improve connectivity and accessibility to and within the Churnet Valley by all forms of sustainable transport. In addition support for measures to protect and enhance the biodiversity, landscape character and heritage assets of the valley are all likely to lead to additional positive effects.	None identified.
SS12 Planning Obligations and Community Infrastructure Levy	The Policy is expected to support the provision of new, or the significant enhancement of existing, community facilities and services and this is likely to make a positive contribution towards community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live. Further positive effects on health and the supply of new homes to meet need were identified, as developer contributions may help to ensure the delivery of an appropriate quantity and quality of open space, sport and recreation facilities and an increase in the supply of affordable homes.	None identified.
SD1 Sustainable Use of Resources	Significant positive effects on minimising contributions to climate change are predicted to arise from the requirement that all development should adapt to climate change and the encouragement for re-use of construction or construction waste materials. Further positive effects are likely to result from the support for development that is	None identified.

Policy	Potential significant sustainability effects	Mitigation
	located to minimise energy needs as this is likely to result in the location of development in proximity to existing services and facilities.	
SD2 Renewable / low Carbon Energy	Significant positive effects on minimising contributions to climate change are predicted to arise from the policy intent to meet part of the District's future energy demand through renewable or low-carbon energy sources.	None identified.
SD3 Sustainability Measures in Development	Significant positive effects on minimising contributions to climate change are predicted to arise from the policy intent to support further carbon- or water-saving measures.	None identified.
SD4 Pollution	Significant positive effects on improving air quality and soil and land resources are predicted to result.	None identified.
SD5 Flood Risk	Significant positive effects on reducing flood risk are predicted to result.	None identified.
E1 New Employment Development	Significant positive effects on advancing equality of opportunity; safeguarding the vitality of towns and sustaining a vibrant rural economy are predicted to result. Further positive effects on sustainable economic growth, diversification of the economy and high and stable level of employment were identified. There is potential for negative effects on contribution to climate change arising from policy support for new business developments, as this is likely to result in greater energy use.	Use of SD3 and DC1 to help deliver development with high environmental performance. Use of DC3 to ensure development responds to local landscape character.
E2 Employment Allocations	Significant positive effects on advancing equality of opportunity and safeguarding the vitality of towns are predicted to result. Further positive effects on sustainable economic growth, diversification of the economy and high and stable level of employment were identified. There is potential for negative effects on contribution to climate change arising from the allocation of sites for new business developments, as this is likely to result in greater energy use.	Use of Policies including DC1, DC3 and NE1 to ensure delivery of high quality development. Use of SD3 and DC1 to help deliver development with high environmental performance.

Policy	Potential significant sustainability effects	Mitigation
E3 Existing Employment Areas, Premises and Allocations	Significant positive effects on reducing the number of journeys made by car and advancing equality of opportunity are likely to result from the policy intent to help retain employment sites well served by the public transport network and to support mixed use developments. Further positive effects on sustainable economic growth, diversification of the economy, high and stable level of employment and safeguarding the vitality of towns were identified.	Use of Policies including DC1, DC3 and NE1 to ensure delivery of high quality development.
E4 Tourism and Cultural Development	Significant positive effects on encouraging sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness are likely to result from this. Further positive effects on reducing the number of journeys made by car and advancing equality of opportunity, sustainable economic growth, diversification of the economy, high and stable level of employment and safeguarding the vitality of towns were identified. There is potential for negative effects on contribution to climate change arising from new development, as this is likely to result in greater energy use.	Use of Policies including DC1, DC3 and NE1 to ensure delivery of high quality development. Use of SD3 and DC1 to help deliver development with high environmental performance.
H1 New Housing Development	Significant positive effects on ensuring the supply new homes meet local needs including affordable / social / extra care are likely to result from enabling the Plan's objectively assessed housing need to be delivered. Further positive effects on enhancing the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages and supporting stable levels of employment. There is potential for negative effects arising from the impact of provision of new homes on local landscape character, townscapes, biodiversity and the road network.	Use of other policies in the Plan to manage delivery of appropriate development.
H2 Housing Allocations	Significant positive effects on ensuring the supply of new homes to meet local needs are likely to result from site allocations. Further positive effects on enhancing the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages and supporting stable levels of employment. There is potential for negative effects arising	Mitigation measures included via other policies in the Plan concerning location and design of new development, as well as site specific requirements in Strategic Development Site Policies.

Policy	Potential significant sustainability effects	Mitigation
	from the impact of provision of new homes on local landscape character, townscapes, biodiversity and the road network.	
H3 Affordable Housing	Significant positive effects on ensuring the supply of new homes to meet local needs. Further positive effects on enhancing the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages and supporting stable levels of employment.	None identified.
H4 Gypsy and Traveller Sites and Sites for Travelling Showpeople	Significant positive effects on meeting identified housing need. Access to accommodation and local services and facilities is likely to lead to further positive impacts on health and well-being for gypsies and travellers and establishing the considerations that will be taken into account for determining applications or future allocations is likely to lead to positive effects on helping ensure community safety and local environmental quality.	Mitigation measures related to location are included within the Policy, additional mitigation provided via other policies in the Plan.
TCR1 Development in the Town Centres	Significant positive effects for Improving access to jobs, services and facilities. Further positive effects for maintaining the vitality and viability of the towns, protecting the towns as service centres, promoting sustainable economic growth and diversification of the economy and supporting high and stable levels of employment.	Mitigation in policy requires town centre developments to be accessible by public transport, walking and cycling.
TCR2 Primary Shopping Frontages	Significant positive effects for maintaining the vitality and viability of the towns, protecting the towns as service centres, promoting sustainable economic growth and supporting high and stable levels of employment. Further positive effects for tourism as vibrant shopping areas are likely to support the visitor economy.	None identified.
TCR3 Retailing and other Town Centre uses outside Town Centres	Significant positive effects for maintaining the vitality and viability of smaller, local centres, promoting sustainable economic growth and supporting high and stable levels of employment. Further positive effects for improving access to jobs, services and facilities (including by non-car journeys) and tourism.	None identified.

Policy	Potential significant sustainability effects	Mitigation
DC1 Design Considerations	Significant positive effects include the likelihood of improvements to the social and environmental quality of neighbourhoods and positive impacts on health and well-being. Further positive effects from delivery of well designed development and high quality built environment and public realm as this is likely to lead to investment in business, people and infrastructure, resulting in a strengthened and more diversified economy, more vibrant town and village centres and sustained levels of employment.	Beneficial effects maximised through requiring contribution to local distinctiveness and sense of place.
DC2 The Historic Environment	Significant positive effects include protection and enhancement of the character of towns and villages, as well as heritage assets and their settings and the character of historic landscapes. Further positive effects from safeguarding the District's historic environment as heritage led regeneration schemes may lead to investment in business, people and infrastructure, resulting in a strengthened and more diversified economy, more vibrant town and village centres and sustained levels of local employment.	Beneficial effects maximised through reference to non-designated heritage assets. Mitigation measures identified in the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study.
DC3 Landscape and Settlement Setting	Significant positive effects include protecting the distinctive character of towns and villages and the character of character / appearance of local landscapes, including historic landscapes and other natural assets. Further positive effects include support for the District's tourism attraction and help to maintain the visitor economy.	Beneficial effects maximised through protecting the landscape setting of the National Park. Landscape mitigation measures identified in the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study.
DC4 Local Green Space	Significant positive effects include benefiting the social and environmental quality of neighbourhoods and protecting the distinctive character of towns and villages.	None identified.
C1 Creating Sustainable Communities	Significant positive effects for community cohesion, neighbourhood quality and access to services from ensuring that new development contributes to the creation of safe, liveable and mixed communities with	Beneficial effects of retaining or providing infrastructure maximised by

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	good access to jobs and key services including recreation facilities. Further positive effects from new community facilities, particularly in smaller villages and other rural areas contributing to the viability of communities. Creation of sustainable communities is likely to lead to improvements in health and well-being in the long term.	requiring development proposals to incorporate high quality locally distinctive design.
C2 Sport, Recreation and Open Space	Significant positive effects for health and well-being and creating and maintaining high quality local neighbourhoods leading to positive effects on townscape quality, helping to maintain the visitor economy. Further positive effects from new recreation facilities, particularly in smaller villages and other rural areas contributing to the viability of communities.	None identified.
C3 Green Infrastrucure	Significant positive effects on a wide range of SA objectives including for health and well-being; creating and maintaining high quality local neighbourhoods and improving connectivity to a range of facilities via helping to establish or improve green travel links.	Beneficial effects maximised through ensuring GI helps mitigate effects of climate change.
NE1 Biodiversity and Geological Resources	Significant positive effects on a wide range of SA objectives including for health and well-being; creating and maintaining high quality local neighbourhoods and biodiversity and geodiversity.	Beneficial effects maximised through requirement for net gain in biodiversity where appropriate and biodiversity enhancement measures to be guided by the Staffordshire Moorlands Biodiversity opportunity Map.
NE2 Trees, Woodland and Hedgerows	Positive effects on landscape character and biodiversity.	Beneficial effects maximised through requirement to increase canopy cover.
T1 Development and Sustainable Transport	Significant positive effects on a wide range of SA objectives were identified, including for health and well-being; creating and maintaining high quality local neighbourhoods; reducing the need to travel by car and increasing access to a range of services and facilities.	None identified.

Policy	Potential significant sustainability effects	Mitigation
T2 Other Sustainable Transport Measures	Significant positive effects on a wide range of SA objectives including for health and well-being; creating and maintaining high quality local neighbourhoods; reducing the need to travel by car and increasing access to a range of services and facilities.	No mitigation identified.
DSL1 Land at Horsecroft Farm, Leek (ADD01)	The proposed delivery of circa 15 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as could the site's proximity to areas of existing employment. The site's accessibility to areas of open space is considered to have a positive effect. However, the site's proximity to designated and historic assets is likely to have a negative effect, as could the development of greenfield land where the site is indicated on the predictive map of Best and Most Versatile agricultural land as partly within an area where 20 - 60% of the land is likely to be BMV, and the inaccessibility of services and facilities.	Mitigation measures relating to flood risk assessment, heritage and ecological impacts identified within Policy. Beneficial effects maximised through allocation for a mix of uses including education.
DSL2 Land at The Mount, Leek (LE066, LE128a&b, LE140, LE142a&b)	The proposed delivery of circa 317 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, similarly the location's good accessibility to services and facilities. However, the development of greenfield land where the location is partly indicated on the predictive map of Best and Most Versatile agricultural land as an area where less than 20% of the land is likely to be BMV, its landscape sensitivity the ecological value of the site and the proximity to historic assets are likely to have negative effects.	Policy requires landscape heritage and visual impact mitigation measures and assessments.
DSL3 Land at Newton House, Leek (LE150)	The development of new employment premises should have a significant positive effect upon the vitality and viability of the District, strengthen economic growth and support a higher level of employment within the District. Similarly, the proposed delivery of circa 179 dwellings is likely to have a significant positive effect. However, the site is indicated on the predictive map of Best and Most Versatile agricultural land as partly within an area where 20 - 60% of the land is likely to be BMV and this is likely to have a	Mitigation measures in the policy include requirements for a wildlife buffer along the eastern edge of the site. The Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) considered that

Policy	Potential significant sustainability effects	Mitigation
	negative effect, as would the site's proximity to historic assets and its potential ecological value.	there was no inter-visibility with the heritage assets to the north of the site due to intervening vegetation and buildings.
DSL4 Cornhill East, Leek (LE235)	The development of new employment premises should have a significant positive effect upon the vitality and viability of the District, strengthen economic growth and support a higher level of employment within the District. Similarly, the proposed delivery of circa 50 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect as is the site's access accessibility to services, facilities and open space. However, the site's proximity to designated and historic assets is likely to have a negative effect.The site is indicated on the predictive map of Best and Most Versatile agricultural land as partly in an area where less than 20% of the land is likely to be BMV.	Policy requires development to take account of ecological constraints and in the event of proposals affecting Birchall Meadow BAS, appropriate compensation measures are required. The Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) considered that development would be highly unlikely to adversely affect the settings of the heritage assets due to intervening buildings and vegetation.
DSB1 Wharf Road Strategic Development Area (BD055, BD071, BD071a, BD106, BD156, BD076, BD076a, BD108, BD016, BD104)	The area's proximity to services, facilities and existing areas of employment and proposed delivery of circa 588 dwellings as part of a mixed use scheme should have a significant positive effect. However there is scope for negative effects due to the area's potential ecological value and development of greenfield land indicated on the predictive map of Best and Most Versatile agricultural land partly within an area where less than 20% of the land is likely to be BMV. Landscape sensitivity across the site varies, most of the site has medium landscape sensitivity. The area includes a number of heritage assets and there is a mining legacy as well as potential for some contamination A watercourse runs through the middle of the site.	Mitigation measures in the policy include requirement for a landscaping plan and mitigation of heritage impact as well as comprehensive masterplanning to address other impacts identified.

Policy	Potential significant sustainability effects	Mitigation
DSB2 Biddulph Mills (BD101 and BD102)	The development of brownfield land should have a significant positive effect, as should the sites' proximity to existing areas of employment, services and facilities and the delivery of circa 57 dwellings. The sites are located within the settlement boundary and away from heritage assets. Sites are within a groundwater source protection zone.	Policy requires a site specific FRA. Beneficial effects maximised through requirement for improved pedestrian ans cycle linkages to the Biddulph Valley Way.
DSB3 Tunstall Road Strategic Development Area (BD117)	A mixed use development of new employment premises and circa 80 dwellings should have a significant positive effect, including on the vitality and viability of the District. However, the greenfield nature of this site (largely indicated on the predictive map of Best and Most Versatile agricultural land as urban / industrial, but partly as an area where less than 20% of the land is likely to be BMV) and its high landscape sensitivity, coupled with its potential ecological value and mining legacy could have negative effects.	Policy requires development to be subject to comprehensive masterplanning to address ecological and landscape impacts. Beneficial effects maximised through requirement for inclusion of GI.
DSC1 Cheadle North Strategic Development Area (CH001 CH132)	The proposed delivery of circa 320 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as does the area's accessibility to services, facilities and areas of existing employment. However, the development of greenfield land indicated on the predictive map of Best and Most Versatile agricultural land as partly within an area where 20 - 60% of the land is likely to be BMV is assessed as having a significant negative effect. The site's proximity to two Local Nature Reserves and potential ecological value is also likely to have a negative effect.	Policy requires development to be subject to a comprehensive masterplan to include mitigation measures identified in the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study and managing impacts on the LNR and GI Network.
DSC2 Cecilly Brook Strategic Development Area (CH002a&b CH024)	The proposed delivery of circa 106 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as is the area's proximity to health care and other key services and facilities, including existing employment. However whilst the area may be considered to have low biodiversity value, it has good connectivity to a stream and surrounding habitats and may support protected species.	Policy requires development to be subject to a comprehensive masterplan to include managing impacts on the LNR and GI Network. Beneficial effects maximised through requirement for establishing coherent ecological networks and

Policy	Potential significant sustainability effects	Mitigation
		enabling water quality improvements in line with WFD objectives.
DSC3 Mobberley Strategic Development Area (CH085a,b,c&d CH128)	The proposed delivery of circa 430 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect as is the area's accessibility to services, facilities and areas of existing employment. However, the development of greenfield land indicated on the predictive map of Best and Most Versatile agricultural land as predominantly within an area where 20 - 60% of the land is likely to be BMV (but partly within an area where over 60% of the land is likely to be BMV) is assessed as having a significant negative effect as could the area's landscape sensitivity and potential ecological value. There may be adverse effects on the setting of heritage assets arising from altering the agricultural landscape.	Policy requires development to be subject to comprehensive masterplanning to include mitigation measures identified in the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study. Beneficial effects maximised through requirement to address priorities and actions identified in the GI Strategy.
DSC4 Land North of New Haden Road (EM1)	The allocation of 4.27ha of employment land should have a significant positive effect on the vitality and viability of the District, strengthen economic growth and support a higher level of employment. Similarly, the accessibility of other services and facilities is likely to have a positive effect. However, the development of greenfield land considered to be of medium landscape sensitivity and indicated on the predictive map of Best and Most Versatile agricultural land as within an area where over 60% of the land is likely to be BMV, is likely to have a negative effect. Most of the site is within a Coal Authority High Risk area.	Mitigation measures included in the Policy require development to include measures identified in the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study and to include detailed investigation work in relation to mining legacy.
DSR1 Blythe Vale (Core Strategy Policy SS8 Blythe Bridge Regional Investment Site)	Allocation of circa 48.5ha for mixed use including employment and residential development of approximately 300 homes is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's good strategic location (with regional significance) has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of the wider District and could encourage investment in people, jobs and infrastructure. However, the development of greenfield land, partly within the important landscape setting to the settlement, with	Mitigation measures included in the Policy require development to have regard to the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study and to the findings of the Local Wildlife Assessment and GI strategy. Beneficial effects maximised

Policy	Potential significant sustainability effects	Mitigation
	medium-high landscape sensitivity and indicated on the predictive map of Best and Most Versatile land as an area where more than 60% of the land is likely to be BMV, is assessed as having a significant negative effect. Part of the site is within groundwater source protection zones 1 and 2; there is a culvert on site and known flooding hotspots nearby.	through preparation of a masterplan including sustainable transport, rail and road links to and from the site to Blythe Bridge and the surrounding area.
DSR2 Land east of Brooklands Way, Leekbrook (Broad Area Leek EM2)	The allocation of circa 5.42ha of employment land should have a significant positive effect on the vitality and viability of the District, strengthen economic growth and support a higher level of employment within the District. However, the site is relatively inaccessible to other key services and facilities and the development of greenfield land, indicated on the predictive map of Best and Most Versatile agricultural land as an area where 20 - 60% of the land is likely to be BMV, is assessed as having a negative effect, as is the site's proximity to historic assets and its ecological value. The site lies within Twinney Wood and grassland SBI. The north of the site is bounded by the Leek Brook.	The policy requires any scheme to demonstrate ecological compensation and management measures as well as other landscape, flood risk and heritage impact mitigation measures.
DSR3 Land west of Basford Lane, Leekbrook (ADD009)	The allocation of approximately 0.8ha of employment land should have a significant positive effect on the vitality and viability of the District, strengthen economic growth and support a higher level of employment within the District. However, the site is relatively inaccessible to services and facilities which is likely to have a significant negative effect. The development of greenfield land considered to be of medium landscape sensitivity and indicated on the predictive map of Best and Most Versatile agricultural land as an area where 20 - 60% of the land is likely to be BMV is also assessed as a negative effect, as is the site's ecological value.	The Policy requires development to take account of the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study and the findings of the Local Wildlife Site Assessment.
DSR4 Land off Ash Bank Road,	The proposed delivery of circa 75 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as is the accessibility of a range of key services and facilities. However, the site is	The Policy requires development to take account of the Council's Landscape, Local Green

Policy	Potential significant sustainability effects	Mitigation
Werrington (WE003 WE052)	relatively remote from areas of existing employment which would have a negative effect, as would the site's medium landscape sensitivity, its proximity to heritage assets and potential to support protected species.	Space and Heritage Impact Study and the findings of the Local Wildlife Site Assessment.

Table 8.1 Summary of significant effects and mitigation measures

8.15 The Sustainability Appraisal of the Local Plan has appraised the effects of the housing and employment land requirements, development approaches in Cheadle and the rural areas, individual policies and site allocations, as well as the overall effect of the plan, including cumulative and incremental effects. The SA has found that the Local Plan addresses key sustainability issues and will make a significant positive contribution to sustainability in the District through meeting housing, employment and community needs, enhancing accessibility and encouraging high quality design.

8.16 The key negative effects identified relate to the environmental impact of increased housing, employment and infrastructure development. Throughout the process the SA has sought to make further recommendations to assist the Council in mitigating any negative effects whilst enhancing the positive opportunities that development provides for the District.

8.17 Sustainability Appraisal is an iterative and on-going process that has been undertaken at each stage of the Local Plan, both during the internal production and external consultation of the document, helping to influence its development. The issues identified in the Initial and Draft SAs have led to additional mitigation measures for sites proposed and the tightening of policies to create appropriate conditions for sustainable development. The SA has also influenced the selection of sites included in the Local Plan.

8.18 The Appraisal process found that on the whole, the mitigation provided through the Local Plan policies would address identified potential significant effects.

8.2 Mitigation

Mitigating adverse effects and maximising beneficial effects

8.19 The SA Report must include measures to prevent, reduce or offset significant adverse effects of implementing the plans. In the Sustainability Appraisal, mitigation refers to any approach which is aimed at avoiding, preventing, reducing or compensating for significant adverse impacts on the sustainability objectives. In addition, the concept of mitigation covers broader issues such as the enhancement of positive effects where relevant.

8.20 Mitigation should be put forward using a hierarchy approach, with the emphasis being on the avoidance of adverse effects as an initial approach. Where this is not appropriate, methods to reduce the scale or importance of the effect should be examined.

8.21 Mitigation has taken a variety of forms, including:

- Refining options, in order to improve the likelihood of positive effects and to minimise adverse effects. This has mainly been the re-wording of policies or additions to text. It has also included the requirement of some policies to mitigate against the negative impacts of others. For example, Policies SD5 Flood Risk and Policy DC3 Landscape

and Settlement Setting provide mitigation measures for a number of the other policies, in particular those supporting growth.

- Technical measures to be applied during implementation (e.g. design principles).
- Contingency arrangements for dealing with possible adverse effects, for example a requirement in Policy DSC2 (Cecilly Brook Strategic Development Area) to prepare a master-plan that considers the impact that growth may have on the Cecilly Brook Local Nature Reserve in order to ensure that Local Plan policy requirements can be met for minimising impacts on biodiversity (and providing net gains in biodiversity where possible); establishing coherent ecological networks that are more resilient to current and future pressures; and enabling water quality improvements in line with the Water Framework Directive objectives.

8.22 Detailed mitigation for the Local Plan is set out in full in the appraisal results for the Policies and Site Options contained in the appendices to this report and described in the appraisal summaries in section 6.

8.3 Changes made to the Plan as a result of the SA

8.23 Sustainability Appraisal is an iterative and on-going process that has been undertaken at each stage of the Local Plan, helping to influence its development.

8.24 Specific changes made to Plan policies as a result of the SA include the fiollowing:

- SS1 Development principles: Policy amended to support development which secures high quality sustainable environments, efficient and effective use of resources and contributes effectively to tackling climate change and reduced carbon emissions.
- SS5 Leek Area Strategy: Policy amended to include a reference to the District's GI Strategy.
- SS6 Biddulph Area Strategy: Policy amended to include a reference to the District's GI Strategy.
- SS7 Cheadle Area Strategy: Policy amended to include a reference to the District's GI Strategy.
- SS8 Larger Villages Areas Strategy: Inclusion of a new bullet point at Point 4 to support the implementation of the GI Strategy and Local Green Spaces.
- SS9 Smaller Villages Areas Strategy: Inclusion of a new bullet point at Point 1 to support the implementation of the GI Strategy and Local Green Spaces.
- SD5 Flood Risk: Policy amended to clarify that where a watercourse is present on a development site, it should be retained or restored into a natural state and enhanced where possible.
- DC1 Design Considerations: Additional bullet point (8) added to include a requirement for developments to be well integrated for car, pedestrian and cycle use as well as other sustainable transport links.
- DC3 Landscape and Settlement Setting: Additional bullet point (3) added to include support for development which maintains the biodiversity qualities of any natural or man-made features within the landscape, such as trees, woodlands, hedgerows, walls, watercourses or ponds.
- NE2 Trees, Woodland and Hedgerows: This is a new policy included in the Plan as a result of feedback from the SA.
- DSC1 Cheadle North Strategic Development Area: Inclusion of the bullet point requiring a master plan to consider how to manage the impact of growth on the Cecilly Brook Local Nature Reserve and Green Infrastructure Network to ensure that Local Plan policy

requirements can be met for minimising impacts on biodiversity (and providing net gains in biodiversity where possible); and establishing coherent ecological networks that are more resilient to current and future pressures; as well as enabling water quality improvements in line with the Water Framework Directive objectives.

- DSC2 Cecilly Brook Strategic Development Area: Inclusion of the bullet point requiring a master plan to consider how to manage the impact of growth on the Cecilly Brook Local Nature Reserve and Green Infrastructure Network to ensure that Local Plan policy requirements can be met for minimising impacts on biodiversity (and providing net gains in biodiversity where possible); and establishing coherent ecological networks that are more resilient to current and future pressures; as well as enabling water quality improvements in line with the Water Framework Directive objectives.

HRA and EqIA

9 HRA and EqIA

9.1 Introduction

9.1 In addition to Sustainability Appraisal, the emerging Local Plan has been subject to Habitats Regulations Assessment and an Equality Impact Assessment.

9.2 Habitats Regulations Assessment - methodology

9.2 European Directive 92/43/EEC on the Conservation of Natural Habitats and of Wild Fauna and Flora (the Habitats Directive) requires a Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) to be undertaken on the Local Plan. In the UK, the Habitats Directive is implemented through the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 (the "Habitats Regulations").

9.3 The HRA assesses any impacts of the Local Plan against the conservation objectives of sites of European importance for nature conservation in, and outside the plan area, to ascertain whether it would adversely affect the integrity of any sites concerned. These sites, often just referred to as European sites, include Special Areas of Conservation (SACs) and Special Protection Areas (SPAs).

9.4 Staffordshire Moorlands District Council appointed consultants ClearLead Consulting Limited to undertake the HRA requirements for the emerging Staffordshire Moorlands Local Plan. It is important that the sustainability appraisal takes account of HRA findings in order that consideration can be given to mitigating any adverse effects.

9.5 In March 2016 the District Council commissioned an initial HRA screening exercise for the Local Plan. The purpose of screening is to determine whether the plan's policies and proposals could result in likely significant effects on the conservation objectives of any European site. A first screening of the preferred option policies took place in November 2016 to help inform plan preparation. An updated HRA screening of the preferred option policies (to take account of changes since November 2016) was undertaken between 27th June and 29th June 2017. The proposed preferred option development site allocations were screened between 15th and 27th June 2017.

9.6 ClearLead Consulting used the existing HRA report of the adopted Core Strategy and further work on the screening assessment of policies and proposals in the Staffordshire Moorlands emerging Local Plan to prepare a draft Habitats Regulations Assessment report for the Preferred Options Local Plan July 2017. The report can be viewed at:

https://www.staffsmoorlands.gov.uk/media/2343/Habitats-Regulations-Assessment-Staffordshire-Moorlands-Local-Plan---Preferred-Options-July-2017/pdf/Staffs_Moorlands_HRA_Report_July_2017_low_res.pdf

9.7 Consultation on the 2017 HRA Report took place alongside consultation on the draft SA Report and the Staffordshire Moorlands Local Plan - preferred options July 2017.

9.8 Further HRA work was undertaken between December 2017 and January 2018 to provide an In Combination Effects assessment in relation to traffic and air quality. In addition changes to Preferred Option Policies were screened in order to identify any likely significant effects.

9.9 As a result of this additional work, an updated HRA Report has been published alongside the publication of the Submission version of the Staffordshire Moorlands Local Plan in February 2018.

9.3 Habitats Regulations Assessment - Summary of findings

9.10 HRA screening of the Local Plan Preferred Options policies in December 2016 and June 2017 identified a number of Likely Significant Effects (LSEs) in relation to the following:

- Effects from increased water demand on the South Pennine Moors Phase 1 Special Protection Area (SPA) and Special Area of Conservation (SAC) and Peak District Dales SAC;
- Effects from increased traffic on air quality on the South Pennine Moors Phase 1 SPA and SAC and Peak District Dales SAC;
- Increased recreational pressure on the South Pennine Moors Phase 1 SPA and SAC and Peak District Dales SAC; and
- Urban effects on the South Pennine Moors Phase 1 SPA and SAC and Peak District Dales SAC.

9.11 The Appropriate Assessment stage of HRA was undertaken to evaluate the potential for the 'screened in' Local Plan policies to result in adverse effects on the European sites as listed above.

9.12 In June 2017, the HRA was able to conclude that the Local Plan Preferred Options will not result in any adverse effects on the European sites in relation to water demand, and increased recreational pressure both alone and in combination with growth in neighbouring areas.

9.13 Potential adverse effects in relation to urban effects were identified. On the basis of the precautionary principle, it was concluded that the proposed allocation at Waterhouses (WA004) could result in an adverse effect on the Peak District Dales SAC due to the risk of pollution arising from construction activities.

9.14 The HRA identified that Policies SS8 and SS9 Larger and Smaller Villages Area Strategies (as drafted June 2017) could potentially result in adverse effects on the Peak District Dales SAC, Peak District Moors (South Pennine Moors Phase 1) SPA and the South Pennine Moors SAC if development occurred within 500m of these European sites. These policies (as drafted at June 2017) could also result in an adverse effect on the Peak District Moors (South Pennine Moors Phase 1) SPA if development occurred on land which is functionally linked to the SPA.

9.15 The following mitigation was put forward to the policy authors at Staffordshire Moorlands District Council in order to avoid the potential adverse effects identified in relation to the proposed allocation at Waterhouses (WA004) and draft policies SS8 Larger Villages Area Strategy and SS9 Smaller Villages Area Strategy from occurring:

9.16 In order to avoid adverse effects on European sites from occurring as a result of the proposed allocation at Waterhouses (WA004), it was recommended that the following text should be added to the first bullet of Local Plan Policy NE1 Biodiversity and Geological Resources:

9.17 "*Any development with a potential to adversely affect a European site/s through construction activities should ensure that Ciria construction guidelines are followed including environmental good practice on control of dust and water pollution.*"

9.18 In order to avoid adverse effects on European sites from occurring as a result of Policy SS8 Larger Villages Area Strategy and Policy SS9 Smaller Villages Area Strategy, it was recommended that wording similar to that included in Local Plan Policy SS10 Other Rural Areas Strategy was added to both policies SS8 and SS9, as follows:

9.19 "*Any development proposal that might have the potential to affect a European or Ramsar Site must itself be subject to appropriate assessment.*"

9.20 The policy wording set out above and recommended to the Council in an HRA advice note dated 29 June 2017 was added to the relevant policies (as included in the Local Preferred Options July 2017) and the HRA was therefore able to conclude that the proposed allocation at Waterhouses (WA004), Policy SS8 Larger Villages Area Strategy and Policy SS9 Smaller Villages Area Strategy will not result in any adverse effects on European sites in relation to urban effects.

9.21 Following completion of the cumulative traffic assessment at the end of 2017 and screening of the modifications put forward prior to the Submission of the Local Plan in January 2018, the HRA was able to reach a conclusion with regards to potential air quality effects.

9.22 The traffic assessment considered the allocation sites in Leek included within policies Policy H2 – Housing Allocations and Policy E2 – Employment Allocations, combined with growth in neighbouring areas. The traffic assessment found that an estimated additional 444 vehicles will use the A53 between Leek and Buxton (two-way flow) over an average day, with all of the proposed development in place. Assuming the same proportion of HGVs are generated from the development as currently use the A53 between Leek and Buxton (10.1%) then there will be an additional 44 HGVs. Speed limits will remain the same on the road and therefore it is assumed that daily average speed will remain the same.

9.23 As these are well below the DMRB threshold of:

- Daily traffic flows will change by 1000 Average Annual Daily Traffic (AADT) or more;
- HGV flows change by 200 AADT or more; and
- Daily average speed will change by 10 km/h or more;

9.24 it is considered reasonable to assume that an additional 180 homes in Leek from windfall development included in Policy SS4 - Strategic Housing & Employment Land Supply, which are not included within the traffic assessment, are unlikely to result in any adverse effects on European sites resulting from air pollution from traffic.

9.25 Therefore, it is concluded that windfall developments are unlikely to result in any adverse effects on European sites resulting from air pollution from traffic.

9.26 With the above-mentioned mitigation in place within the Local Plan, it is concluded that the Submission Local Plan will not result in adverse effects on European sites, both alone and in combination with growth in neighbouring areas.

9.4 Equality Impact Assessment - methodology

9.27 The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) (paragraph 70) requires local planning authorities to deliver the social, recreational and cultural facilities and services the community needs. It is considered that the EqIA can help inform this process by understanding the needs of different community groups and how planning policies and decisions can affect them.

Consultation and establishing community needs

9.28 In April 2016 the Council adopted a Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) which sets out how the Council will involve local people, businesses and other stakeholders in the preparation of planning policy documents and sets out the approach to consulting people over planning applications, with a commitment to promoting equal opportunities. The SCI is available at the link below:

https://www.staffsmoorlands.gov.uk/article/1165/Statement-of-Community-Involvement-SCI

9.29 The Council adopted its Core Strategy in March 2014. The SA of the Core Strategy can be read at the link below and includes an Equality Impact Assessment of the plan's policies and proposals. The assessment concluded that the adopted Core Strategy will have positive benefits for all through improved access to housing for all groups, and particularly for older, younger and residents with disabilities. It will also have positive benefits for all, and in particular older, younger and residents with disabilities, through improved access to services and facilities in the towns and larger villages. It will also have positive benefits in particular for children/younger people through improved access to play and sports facilities.

https://www.staffsmoorlands.gov.uk/media/341/Core-Strategy-Sustainability-Appraisal-Report-March-2014/pdf/Core_Strategy_Sustainability_Appraisal_Report_March_2014.pdf

9.30 In 2016 Staffordshire Moorlands District Council commissioned consultants Engaging Communities to speak to people about their experiences and needs in relation to the Council's responsibilities under the Equality Duty[20] This was a qualitative research project meaning that there were a small number of participants and the findings whilst not statistically analysed, have been analysed by themes.

9.31 Focus groups were used in the first instance to gain insight from members of the protected characteristic groups. The advantage of using focus groups is that it provides an opportunity to explore the attitudes, feelings, beliefs, experiences and reactions of participants in ways that are not feasible with other methods.

9.32 In addition to this, semi-structured interviews were carried out with some participants dependent on their preference. The informal atmosphere of a semi-structured interview can encourage openness from participants and also offer the researcher flexibility to adjust the questions and change direction as the interview progresses.

9.33 There was a focus on five protected characteristic groups: race, religion, disability, sexual orientation and gender reassignment. There was a reluctance amongst two groups in particular, namely race and religion to take part in the research and this means that the findings are more influenced by the other characteristics.

20 Respecting All: the experiences of five protected characteristic groups under the Equality Duty; Engaging Communities; November 2016

9.34 Building on the EqIA undertaken for the Core Strategy and the work of consultants Engaging Communities, a full EqIA of the Staffordshire Moorlands Local Plan was carried out. A summary of needs / issues was collated for each of the protected characteristic groups. The community needs identified were used as the main criteria for assessing the potential impact of the emerging Local Plan policies and proposals as described below.

9.35 In order to address the key equality impacts identified, the Local Plan should:

1. **Housing** - Deliver future housing according to the diversity of local needs, including new homes that are affordable and adaptable as well as extra care housing where needed.
2. **Employment** - Provide access to employment opportunities, from all sectors of the economy and located close to where people live.
3. **Community Safety** - Deliver safe and inclusive communities.
4. **Access to Facilities** - Ensure appropriate levels of community infrastructure, including facilities for health and recreation, that are well located and readily accessible.

9.36 In January 2018 a further assessment was carried out to screen policy amendments proposed as part of the preparation of the Submission Version Local Plan (February 2018).

9.5 Equality Impact Assessment - Summary of findings

9.37 The full text can of the Equalities Impact Assessment for the Local Plan can be read on the Council's web-site. Its main findings have been summarised below.

9.38 Following the January 2018 screening assessment, it was considered that the proposed policy amendments made as part of preparation of the Submission Version Local Plan (February 2018) were unlikely to create any negative equality impacts. Indeed in some cases additional positive benefits were identified.

9.39 Overall, the assessment demonstrates that the Local Plan has addressed the key issues raised by different communities:

- Delivering future housing according to the diversity of local needs, including new homes that are affordable and adaptable as well as extra care housing where needed.
- Providing access to employment opportunities, from all sectors of the economy and located close to where people live.
- Delivering safe and inclusive communities.
- Ensuring appropriate levels of community infrastructure, including facilities for health and recreation, that are well located and readily accessible.

Monitoring Proposals

10 Monitoring Proposals

10.1 This section makes recommendations for the approach to monitoring the sustainability effects of implementing the Staffordshire Moorlands Local Plan.

What the Directive requires:

"Member States shall monitor the significant environmental effects of the implementation of plans or programmes in order, *inter alia*, to identify at an early stage unforeseen adverse effects, and to be able to undertake appropriate remedial action." (Article 10.1)

The Environmental Report should provide information on "a description of the measures envisaged concerning monitoring" (Annex I (i)).

10.2 The SEA Directive requires monitoring of the significant environmental effects of implementing the plan. SA monitoring will cover the significant economic and social effects, as well as the environmental ones.

10.3 The table below sets out proposed measures for monitoring the sustainability effects of implementing the preferred options for the Local Plan. The monitoring measures proposed are linked to the SA process, including the objectives, targets and indicators developed for the SA Framework, the baseline information and key sustainability issues, the likely significant effects expected, and the mitigation measures proposed.

10.4 The monitoring measures proposed focus on the significant sustainability effects that may give rise to irreversible damage (with a view to identifying trends before such damage is caused) and the significant effects where there is uncertainty in the SA and where monitoring would enable preventative or mitigation measures to be taken.

10.5 The policies and objectives of the Local Plan will be delivered in the context of the Development Plan as a whole, and the wider policy framework which sits alongside the planning system. For this reason, monitoring the sustainability effects of implementing the Local Plan will be conducted as part of the overall approach to monitoring the sustainability effects of implementing this and other Planning Documents. Progress will be reported through the Annual Monitoring Report.

10.6 Wherever possible, existing monitoring arrangements, including information collected by outside bodies, have been suggested as a source of indicators.

10.7 The statutory environmental consultees and other stakeholders have already made important contributions as part of this SA, particularly in terms of developing the baseline information and SA Framework. As part of the consultation process relating to this SA report, consultees are invited to make specific comment on the monitoring proposals for the sustainability effects of implementing the Local Plan. In particular to agree the sustainability effects to be monitored and the information to be collected, including by whom and when.

What needs to be monitored?	What sort of information is required?	Indicators	Source of information
Effects on the economy	Success of small businesses. Vitality of town centres.	• Employment land supply. • Retail vacancy rates.	Local Planning Authority. Inter Departmental Business Register, available from ONS at local authority level.
Effects on diversity and abundance of flora and fauna and geological interests	Trends relating to the management and condition of SSSIs and Local Wildlife Sites. Protection of priority habitats and species and geological interests on undesignated sites, both brownfield and greenfield.	• Area (ha) of SSSIs and Local Wildlife Sites lost to development requiring planning permission.	Staffordshire Wildlife Trust. Local Planning Authority.
Effects on climate change	Location of housing and employment development. Amount of renewable energy produced in area. Carbon dioxide emissions. Incorporation of sustainable design features in new development.	• Total carbon dioxide emissions. • Amount of renewable energy generation by installed capacity and type.	Defra publication of local CO_2 emissions every Autumn. http://www. defra.gov.uk/environment/statistics/globatmos/ galocalghg.htm Local Planning Authority. Staffordshire County Council
Effects on landscape and townscape quality	Impact of development of landscape and townscape character. Development on greenfield sites.	• % or areas of historic buildings, sites and areas including locally listed assets affected, whether in	Historic England. Local Planning Authority.

What needs to be monitored?	What sort of information is required?	Indicators	Source of information
		an adverse or beneficial way. • % of new and converted dwellings built on previously developed land.	
Control of flood risk	Location of new development in relation to flood zones.	• Number of planning applications granted contrary to the advice of the Environment Agency in respect of flood risk.	Environment Agency
Accessibility of jobs, services and facilities	Access to services for all, including young and older people and those living in rural or remote settlements.	• New indicator to be developed in consultation with Staffordshire County Council	Staffordshire County Council
Effects on deprived areas and disadvantaged groups	Local concerns relating to anti-social behaviour. Health inequalities. Community cohesion.	• Premature (persons under 75 years) all cause standardised mortality ratios. • Domestic burglaries per 1,000 households	ONS Crime Survey for England and Wales

What needs to be monitored?	What sort of information is required?	Indicators	Source of information
Housing which meets local needs	Availability of affordable housing. Housing types, tenures and sizes that meet housing need.	Number of affordable housing completions.	Strategic housing team

Table 10.1 Proposals for monitoring the sustainability effects of implementing the Staffordshire Moorlands Local Plan

Testing Local Plan objectives against the SA Framework

11 Testing Local Plan objectives against the SA Framework

11.1 It is important that the objectives of the Local Plan are in accordance with sustainability principles. They have therefore been tested for compatibility with the SA objectives using the matrix below. As can be seen from the table, none of the Local Plan objectives have been identified as being incompatible with the sustainability objectives of the SA.

11.2 In the table below, the SA Objectives are as follows:

Population, Human Health and Social Inclusiveness

- SA1: To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.
- SA2:To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.
- SA3: To improve health and reduce health health inequalities.
- SA4: To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.
- SA5: To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social / extra care housing.
- SA6: To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.

Climate Change, Air and Water

- SA7: To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.
- SA8: To improve air quality.
- SA9: To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.

Biodiversity, flora and fauna

- SA10: To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs

Soil and material assets

- SA11: To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.
- SA12: To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.

Built and Cultural Heritage, Landscape and Local Distinctiveness

- SA13: To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.
- SA14: To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.
- SA15: To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.

Employment, Economic Development and Regeneration

- SA16: To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District’s towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy.

- SA17: To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth.
- SA18: To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment.

11.3 Local Plan objectives are:

- SO1: To make provision for the overall land-use requirements for the District, consistent with national policy and evidence.
- SO2: To create a District where development minimises its impact on the environment, helps to mitigate and adapt to the adverse effects of climate change and makes efficient use of resources.
- SO3: To develop and diversify in a sustainable manner the District's economy and meet local employment needs in the towns and villages.
- SO4: To provide new housing that is affordable, desirable, well-designed and meets the needs of residents of the Moorlands.
- SO5: To ensure the long-term vitality and viability of the three market towns of Leek, Biddulph and Cheadle.
- SO6: To maintain and promote sustainable regenerated rural areas and communities with access to employment opportunities, housing and services for all.
- SO7: To support and enhance the tourism, cultural, recreation and leisure opportunities for the District's residents and visitors.
- SO8: To promote local distinctiveness by means of good design and the conservation, protection and enhancement of historic, environmental and cultural assets throughout the District.
- SO9: To conserve and improve the character and distinctiveness of the countryside and its landscape, heritage, biodiversity and geological resources.
- SO10: To deliver sustainable, inclusive, healthy and safe communities.
- SO11: To reduce the need to travel or make it safer and easier to travel by more sustainable forms of transport.

SA Topics	Social inclusiveness	Health and well-being	Homes for everyone	Transport and accessibility	Climate change and air quality	Water resources and flood risk	Biodiversity and GI	Soil and material assets	Built and cultural heritage	Landscape and local distinctiveness	Employment and economic development
SA objectives	SA1	SA3	SA5	SA6	SA7	SA9	SA10	SA11	SA13	SA14	SA16
	SA2				SA8			SA12		SA15	SA17
	SA4										SA18
Local Plan Objectives											
SO1	√	√	√	√							√
SO2					√	√	√	√	√	√	
SO3											√
SO4			√								
SO5	√	√	√	√					√		√
SO6	√	√	√	√							√
SO7							√		√	√	√
SO8									√	√	
SO9							√		√	√	+
SO10	√	√									
SO11				√							

Table 11.1 Results of testing the Local Plan objectives against the SA Framework

Quality Assurance Checklist

12 Quality Assurance Checklist

12.1 The Quality Assurance checklist below has been used to ensure that the requirements of the SEA Directive have been met and fully integrated into the parts of the sustainability appraisal process covered in this document. The Quality Assurance checklist covers both the technical and procedural steps of the sustainability appraisal process. It has been drawn from Appendix 9 of the 2005 ODPM document: A Practical Guide to the Strategic Environmental Assessment Directive, updated with requirements set out in the National Planning Policy Framework.

Quality Assurance	Relevant section
Objectives and context	
The plan or programme's purpose and objectives are made clear.	These are set out in the non-technical summary and in section 11: Testing Local Plan objectives against the SA Framework.
Sustainability / environmental issues and constraints, including international and EC environmental protection objectives are considered in developing objectives and targets	SA Scoping Report identified key sustainability issues - these informed development of the SA objectives. See Section 5 of this report. Also Section 23 of this report sets out a review of relevant plans, programmes and policy objectives updated from the SA Scoping Report.
SA / SEA objectives, where used, are clearly set out and linked to indicators and targets where appropriate.	SA objectives are clearly set out in the Scoping Report and linked to indicators and targets where appropriate. Also see Section 5 of this report.
Links with other related plans, programmes and explained and policies are identified and explained.	These links are set out in the SA Scoping Report, see section 5. Section 23 of this report sets out a review of relevant plans, programmes and policy objectives updated from the SA Scoping Report.
Conflicts that exist between SA/SEA objectives, between SA/SEA and plan objectives, and between SA/SEA and other plan objectives are identified and described.	Section 11 of this report describes testing Local Plan objectives against the SA Framework.
Scoping	
Consultation bodies are consulted in appropriate ways and at appropriate times on the content and scope of the Environmental Report.	SA Scoping Report was consulted on as part of preparation of the emerging Local Plan. Details are provided in Section 14: Consultation.
The assessment focuses on the significant issues.	Key sustainability issues were identified in the Scoping Report and described in Section 5 of this report. Issues are also identified in

Quality Assurance	Relevant section
Objectives and context	
	table 10.1 of section 10 of this report. The key sustainability issues informed development of the SA objectives.
Technical, procedural and other difficulties encountered are discussed; assumptions and uncertainties are made explicit.	Difficulties in collecting data alongside other risks and uncertainties are set out in section 4 of this report.
Reasons are given for eliminating issues from further consideration.	None of the key issues identified were subsequently eliminated - all were considered to remain relevant.
Alternatives	
Realistic alternatives are considered for key issues, and the reasons for choosing them are documented.	The SA has appraised all reasonable alternatives considered through the plan making process. Details are set out in section 6 of this report. The reasons for the selection or rejection of alternatives are also set out in this section of the report.
Alternatives include 'do minimum' and/or 'business as usual' scenarios wherever relevant.	A "do nothing" alternative is discussed in section 6 of this report.
The sustainability/environmental effects (both adverse and beneficial) of each alternative are identified and compared.	All reasonable alternatives considered through the plan making process have been appraised against the SA Framework. The positive and negative effects of each option are identified and compared. Details of appraisals are set out in sections 15 - 21 of this report.
Inconsistencies between the alternatives and other relevant plans, programmes or policies are identified and explained.	No inconsistencies between the alternatives and other relevant plans or policies were identified. The implications of other plans and programmes are set out in the Scoping Report and are summarised and updated in section 23 of this report.
Reasons are given for selection or elimination of alternatives.	The reasons for the selection or rejection of alternatives are set out in section 6 of the report.
Baseline information	

Quality Assurance	Relevant section
Objectives and context	
The relevant aspects of the current state of the area (including economic, social and environmental aspects) and their likely evolution without the plan have been described.	The current state of the area is set out in the Scoping Report. The likely evolution of the baseline information without the plan is set out in section 6 of this report.
The characteristics of areas likely to be significantly affected are described, including areas wider than the physical boundary of the plan area where it is likely to be affected by the plan.	The characteristics of areas likely to be significantly affected are set out in the Scoping Report.
Difficulties such as deficiencies in information or methods are explained.	Difficulties in collecting data alongside other risks and uncertainties are set out in section 4 of this report.
Prediction and evaluation of likely significant environmental effects	
Effects identified include the types listed in the Directive (biodiversity, population, human health, fauna, flora, soil, water, air, climate factors, material assets, cultural heritage and landscape), as relevant; other likely environmental / sustainability effects are also covered, as appropriate.	Each of the options, preferred policies and options for site allocation were assessed against the SA Framework which covers the scope of effects listed in the Directive. The SA Framework is set out in section 5 and is linked to SEA topics.
Both positive and negative effects are considered, and the duration of effects (short, medium or long-term), and temporary/permanent effects are addressed	The likely significant effects of options are identified in tables set out in the appendices to this report. Positive and negative effects are considered, and the duration of effects (short, medium or long-term), and temporary / permanent effects are addressed.
Likely secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects are identified where practicable	The likely secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects are identified and set out in section 7 of this report.
Inter-relationships between effects are considered where practicable.	Where relevant inter-relationships between effects are identified and set out in section 7 of this report.
The prediction and evaluation of effects makes use of relevant accepted standards, regulations, and thresholds.	The prediction and evaluation of effects is via the SA Framework which is linked to quantitative indicators.
Methods used to evaluate the effects are described.	The appraisal methodology is explained in section 4 of this report.
Mitigation measures	

Quality Assurance	Relevant section
Objectives and context	
Measures envisaged to prevent, reduce and offset any significant adverse effects of implementing the plan or programme are indicated.	Measures envisaged to prevent, reduce and offset any significant adverse effects are identified in section 6 of this report.
Issues to be taken into account in project issues consents are identified.	Appraisal of site options identifies where necessary any issue to be taken into account in project consents. This is set out in appendices to this report.
The Environmental Report	
Is clear and concise in its layout and presentation.	The report presents the findings of the Sustainability Appraisal in a clear and concise format.
Uses simple, clear language and avoids or explains technical terms.	Clear language is used wherever possible. Technical terms are explained.
Uses maps and other illustrations where appropriate.	Maps are included at section 22.
Explains the methodology used.	The appraisal methodology is explained in section 4 of this report.
Explains who was consulted and what methods of consultation were used.	Who was consulted and what methods of consultation were used is described in section 14 of this report.
Identifies sources of information, including expert judgement and matters of opinion.	Sources of information are described in the Scoping Report and throughout this report.
Contains a non-technical summary covering the overall approach to the SA/SEA, the objectives of the plan, the main options considered, and any changes to the plan resulting from the SEA.	A non-technical summary is included at the start of this report.
Consultation	
The SA/SEA is consulted on as an integral part of the plan-making process.	Details of consultations have been set out in section 14 of this report.
Consultation Bodies and the public likely to be affected by, or having an interest in, the plan or programme are consulted in ways and at times which give them an early and effective opportunity within appropriate time frames to express their opinions on the draft plan and Environmental Report.	Details of consultations have been set out in section 14 of this report.

Quality Assurance	Relevant section
Objectives and context	
Decision-making and information on the decision	
The environmental report and the opinions of those consulted are taken into account in finalising and adopting the plan or programme.	The findings of the SA and consultation responses have influenced the development of the Local Plan. The consultation responses received through the SA process and how SA findings have been taken into account are presented in Section 14.
An explanation is given of how they have been taken into account.	The consultation responses received through the SA process and how SA findings have been taken into account are presented in Section 14 of this report.
Reasons are given for choosing the plan or programme as adopted, in the light of other reasonable alternatives considered.	The reasons for the selection or rejection of alternatives are set out in section 6 of the report.
Monitoring measures	
Measures proposed for monitoring are clear, practicable and linked to the indicators and objectives used in the SEA.	Proposed measures to monitor significant effects are provided in Section 10 of this Report and are clearly linked to SA Objectives.
Monitoring is used, where appropriate, during implementation of the plan or programme to make good deficiencies in baseline information in the SEA.	This will be an ongoing process after adoption of the Local Plan through the Council's Monitoring Review.
Monitoring enables unforeseen adverse effects to be identified at an early stage. (These effects may include predictions which prove to be incorrect.)	Monitoring measures will be part of the ongoing process after adoption of the Local Plan through the Council's Monitoring Review.
Proposals are made for action in response to significant adverse effects.	Proposed measures to monitor significant effects are provided in Section 10 of this report and are clearly linked to SA Objectives.
National Planning Policy Framework	
Para 165. A sustainability appraisal…should be an integral part of the plan preparation process, and should consider all the likely significant effects on the environment, economic and social factors.	Ongoing, the SA has been an integral part of the plan-making process, helping to inform the development and selection of alternatives as well as the development of preferred policy approaches and the selection of options for site allocation.

Quality Assurance	Relevant section
Objectives and context	
Para 167. Assessments should be proportionate, and should not repeat policy assessment that has already been undertaken.	Ongoing, the SA of the Local Plan is proportionate and does not repeat assessment that has been undertaken already.
Para 167. Wherever possible the Local Planning Authority should consider how the preparation of any assessment will contribute to the plan's evidence base.	The SA is presented as part of the evidence base.
Para 167. The process should be started early in the plan-making process and key stakeholders should be consulted in identifying the issues that the assessment must cover.	The SA process began in 2014 with consultation on the SA Scoping Report.

Table 12.1 Quality Assurance checklist

Next steps

13 Next steps

13.1 This Sustainability Appraisal Report will be updated as required following consideration of any comments made.

13.2 A final sustainability appraisal report will be prepared to accompany submission of the Local Plan to the Planning Inspectorate for examination on behalf of the Secretary of State.

Consultation

14 Consultation

14.1 Consultation with the public, stakeholders and the SEA bodies on the SA Scoping, Initial and draft SA reports has been carried out alongside consultation on the emerging Local Plan as described in Table 4.2.

14.2 The following sections give details of the consultation undertaken, responses received and the action taken as a consequence.

14.1 SA Scoping Report August 2014

14.3 The SA Scoping Report was consulted on for six weeks between 13th August 2014 and 26th September 2014. Seven organisations made comments and these are summarised in the table below.

14.4 Where possible comments have been taken on board during the preparation of the SA Report. Details of the responses received and the Council's actions in the light of responses is set out in the table below.

Organisation	Summary of Response	Action
Staffordshire Police	Welcomes that '**crime**' has been identified as a sustainability issue and that there is a recognition within the local authority that 'New developments need to create safe public and private environments and include 'designing out crime' initiatives' and that objective (No.4) 'To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime' is proposed to reflect this. Seeking to fulfil this objective helps satisfy the obligation within Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 placed on all local authorities 'to exercise their functions with due regard to their likely effects on crime and disorder, and to do all they reasonably can to prevent crime and disorder' .	Support noted.
Staffordshire Police	With regard to the local authority's recognition for the need to include '**designing-out crime** initiatives', the local authority could do no better than embrace Secured by Design and require all new developments to be built and accredited to Secured by Design.	Core Strategy Policy DC1 – Design Considerations states that new development should incorporate 'designing-out crime initiatives'. Add reference to Plans, Policies and Programmes list in Appendix 1.
English Heritage	**Mitigation measures** are mentioned throughout the document, how will any mitigation measures be included within the Local Plan? Consider inserting a statement to set out how this will be dealt with. We would encourage mitigation measures to be incorporated within the Local Plan itself, in policy wording and justification text.	Agree. Include reference in the scoping report to clarify that mitigation measures will be incorporated within the Local Plan, in policy wording and justification text.
Environment Agency	**Flood Risk:** The ability of the WFD waterbodies to meet their required status by 2027 could be affected by growth. The ability of the existing sewerage infrastructure and water environment to accommodate the proposed levels of growth should be reflected within this section.	Agree. Include this within the sustainability issues.
Environment Agency	**Objective 9:** summarises the SA objectives identified for the plan. Although we welcome Point 9 (to reduce flood risk and protect water resources) we recommend that Point 7 (to minimise contributions to climate change) is expanded to also include climate change adaptation, as there are other climate change impacts that should be considered within the plan.	Accepted. Amend Objective 7 to reflect to include reference to climate change adaption.

Organisation	Summary of Response	Action
Environment Agency	We have reviewed **Appendix 1** and welcome the inclusion of the EU Water Framework Directive (WFD) and corresponding Humber River Basin Management Plan (RBMP). Suggest including the following. • River Trent Catchment Flood Management Plan (CFMP) 2010 produced by the Environment Agency - these give an oveview of the flood risks across different catchments and ensure that works/development affecting flooding are coordinated between all parties. • Staffordshire Preliminary Flood Risk Assessment (PFRA) (2011) - The Preliminary Flood Risk Assessments (PFRAs) provide a high level summary of significant flood risk from surface water, ordinary watercourses and groundwater through collection of information on past (historic) and future (potential) floods. They are a requirement of the Flood Risk Regulation 2009 and must be produced every 6 years. • Shropshire and Staffordshire Local Flood Risk Management Strategy (2014) - currently out for consultation - This Local Flood Risk Management Strategy (LFRMS) offers an opportunity for Staffordshire County Council (as Lead Local Flood Authority) to formalise their longer term vision and shape individual priorities that deliver the greatest benefit to the people, property and environment of Staffordshire.	Comments noted. Agreed that the other documents can be referenced in Appendix 1.
Environment Agency	We have reviewed **Appendix 2** and note that there is no reference to baseline data relating to the WFD waterbodies that flow through your district. The ability of these waterbodies to meet their required status by 2027 could be hindered by growth, and it should be ensured that the plan is able to mitigate for this risk and ensure that watercourses are retained at or returned to their most natural possible condition. Please see the attached spreadsheet and map which shows the waterbodies affecting your district, their current status and their required future status.	Noted. SA to be updated accordingly.
Environment Agency	Under the housing and employment sections we note section 5 (flood risk) and the criteria of **classifying developments** 1-4 according to their location in relation to the floodplain. We note that Floodzone 3b is not specified here. In line with Table 2 of the NPPG residential and employment development is not considered appropriate within this zone, therefore sites at this level of risk should be thinned out as part of the SHLAA process and not be further considered as allocations. In light of this, we find exclusion of a reference to FZ3b acceptable.	Noted. Site assessment methodology reviewed.
Environment Agency	We also welcome the inclusion of **criteria 9** (physical infrastructure including sewerage and water provision). We note this alludes to findings of the Development Capacity Study, which summarises a number of infrastructure requirements under the red amber green system. We recommend that sewerage infrastructure is singled out under its own criteria, in order to highlight the site's potential impact on the pollution of the water environment. Development in locations where there is the availability of public main foul sewer should be considered in preference to those where connection is not feasible, as it is these sites that will pose the greatest risk of pollution of the water environment as any treated effluent will discharge directly into the water environment (either groundwater or rivers). Data for this would be provided by a WCS if the Development Capacity Study does not provide this level of detail.	Noted. Site assessment methodology reviewed.
Environment Agency	**Criteria 11 assesses contamination**. We welcome the high scoring of contaminated sites, as these provide unique opportunities for the remediation of any underlying contamination and therefore protection and improvement of the water environment (as required under WFD).	Noted. Site assessment methodology reviewed.
Environment Agency	With regards to the **criteria for gypsy and traveller sites**, we draw your attention to Table 2 of the NPPG that states that such a land use is not	Noted. Site assessment methodology reviewed.

Organisation	Summary of Response	Action
	suitable for sites within Flood Zone 3, and only suitable in Flood Zone 2 in exceptional circumstances. Sites affected by Flood Zone 3 (3a or 3b) should therefore be thinned out prior to consideration by sustainability appraisal as being contrary to national policy. The scoring criteria should therefore be reconsidered in light of the high vulnerability of this land use.	
Natural England	**Soil and Agricultural Land**: No mention if an assessment has been undertaken to determine the quality of soil and agricultural land. Digital ALC data is available from Natural England and sufficient site specific data should be available to inform decision making.	Add section referring to Soil and Agricultural Land.
Natural England	**Landscape:** Pleased the landscape section has highlighted that District adjoins the PDNP. Suggest the baseline incorporates the South West Peak, White Peak and Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Areas (NCAs) which fall within the Staffordshire Moorlands. NCA profiles provide an invaluable resource for understanding wider landscape context, and highlighting opportunities for enhancement of the natural environment.	Agree. Add reference to these in the baseline information and Plans, Policies and Programmes list in Appendix 1.
Natural England	**Access and Recreation:** Access to the countryside is not included as a topic. NE encourages any proposal to incorporate measures to help encourage people to access the countryside for quiet enjoyment. Relevant aspects of local authority green infrastructure strategies should be incorporated where appropriate. The SA should also consider Green Infrastructure.	Agree that Access to the Countryside could be included as a topic. Green Infrastructure is considered within Objective 10 but could also be considered within Objectives 1 and 6.
Natural England	Insert a reference to the historic environment within the '**cumulative impacts**' section on page 15/16 and assess what impacts could arise for the historic environment.	Accepted. Add reference to historic environment within this section.
Natural England	**Objective 6**: NE are pleased that there is an objective to encourage sustainable links between rural areas and towns. However strongly recommends that that an objective is included which seeks to protect and improve access to the natural environment.	Consider that this can be considered within Objective 6 by adding a question under decision making criteria within Appendix 3.
Natural England	**Objective 10**: The Moorlands has a number of internationally designated nature conservation sites and locally protected sites. There should therefore be an objective to test the plan's policies and proposals on European sites and SSSIs.	Agreed. Amend Objective 10 to reflect this.
Natural England	**Objective 11**: This could be improved to be more specific to protecting the best and most versatile agricultural land.	Agreed. Amend Objective 11 to reflect this.
Natural England	**Objective 14**: This could be strengthened by making reference to protected sites and could incorporate links to the NCA objectives.	Agreed. Add a question under decision making criteria within Appendix 3 making reference to protected sites and natural environment.
Natural England	Suggest that **Biodiversity 2010** and neighbouring local plans could be considered in the SA context.	Add references to Plans, Policies and Programmes list in Appendix 1.

Organisation	Summary of Response	Action
Natural England	The **baseline data** should consider the presence of Protected species and Priority species (including Annex1 birds and regularly occurring migratory birds). Site allocations within the local plan could affect habitats that support either domestic or European Protected Species. Areas that are known to be wildlife habitats or corridors should be highlighted and scoped into the SEA to be considered.	Noted.
Natural England	We have highlighted above data that could further inform the **baseline** in relation to protected species, soils, landscape and access to nature.	Comments noted.
Natural England	**Objective 10**: 'Will it help to deliver the findings of the Appropriate Assessment?' It is not clear what this indicator is setting out to achieve. An Appropriate Assessment is a stage within the Habitat Regulation process to assess whether a plan or project is likely to have adverse impacts on a European site. Complying with the Appropriate Assessment is therefore a requirements under the Habitat Directive. Natural England recommends an indicator that would encourage benefits to the natural environment for example; "% of new developments incorporating ecological enhancement measures per year".	Agreed that this is a requirement under the Habitat Directive. Amend Appendix 3 to reflect comments and add suggested indicator.
Natural England	Natural England is concerned that the **site appraisal** process does not give sufficient weight to the natural environment, in particular designated sites. The SA states that European designated sites (also commonly referred to as Natura 2000 sites), fall within your Authority boundary. European sites are afforded protection under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010, as amended (the 'Habitats Regulations'). In considering European sites of interest, Natural England advises that you, as a competent authority under the provisions of the Habitats Regulations, should have regard for any potential impacts that a plan or project may have. The Conservation objectives for each European site explain how the site should be restored and/or maintained and may be helpful in assessing what, if any, potential impacts a plan or project may have. European sites are also notified at national level as Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). Natural England notes that criteria 4 'protected land' is split into two themes 'green belt' and 'nature conservation sites' Natural England is concerned that Green Belt is given greater weighting in terms of scoring than Nature Conservation sites.This could lead to pressure being created to allocate sites for housing within or adjacent to international / national designated sites and therefore have the potential to affect their interest features. It is also important to be aware that housing development can have indirect impacts on protected sites for e.g. a housing site adjacent to a designated could have impacts on its interest features via recreational disturbance and 'urban edge' effects etc. In line with the NPPF paragraph 113 , distinctions should be made between the hierarchy of international , national and local sites. This therefore need to be reflected in the assessment criteria when scoring potential development sites again designated sites.	Site appraisal methodology reviewed.
Historic England	**Landscape**: Information from the historic character assessment could be included here.	Agree. Add separate paragraph into landscape section regarding this.
Historic England	**Historic Assets**: Request amending 'historic assets' to read 'heritage assets'. We would encourage including some additional information in this section, such as referencing the HER, numbers of assets (designated and non-designated assets), the availability of conservation area appraisals and management plans as examples.	Agree. Amend title and add additional information as suggested.
Historic England	**Objectives 13 & 14.** We support the inclusion of specific objectives within the SEA for the historic environment considering both buildings and	Objective 13 refers to the setting of heritage

Organisation	Summary of Response	Action
	landscape. Include reference to the need to protect, conserve and enhance the significance of heritage assets, which includes their setting. Ensure that the objective relates to both designated and non-designated assets.	assets. An amendment can be made to the question under decision making criteria within Appendix 3 to refer to non-designated assets.
Historic England	**Objective 15:** Consider using the term heritage. The section title references 'local distinctiveness', we would encourage including this term within the objective.	Agreed. Add references to heritage and local distinctiveness.
Historic England	Include **monitoring indicators** that reflect the historic environment. The English Heritage SEA guidance, link included below, includes monitoring examples that may be useful.	Accepted.
Historic England	Support the reference to conservation area appraisals, historic environment characterisation, landscape and settlement character appraisals. Also encourage the inclusion of the Historic Environment Record, Heritage Legislation and National Planning Policy Guidance.	Support noted.
Historic England	**Appendix 2** amend 'historic assets' to read 'heritage assets' and 'historic Parks and Gardens' to read 'Registered Parks and Gardens'. Include information from the Historic Environment Record on a wider range of issues including archaeology and non-designated assets. Reference other historic environment evidence base such as conservation area appraisals and management plans within this section. Consider including a reference to locally important listings, if applicable.	Noted. SA will be updated accordingly.
Historic England	Page 29 on **site assessments** consider how an assessment of the impacts/harm to the historic environment, as a result of development/site allocations, could be included within this process. Any potential sites for allocation would have to undergo a heritage impact assessment.	SA methodology reviewed and assessment commissioned.
Historic England	Appendix 4 regarding **site assessment criteria** scores highly where development is not within or adjacent to heritage assets such as conservation areas. However, if development is appropriate and takes account of the historic environment then it is possible for development to protect, conserve and/or enhance heritage assets. The NPPF states that sustainable development within a conservation area could better reveal its significance.	SA methodology reviewed.
Historic England	Within Appendix 4 and between the different uses – housing/employment/travellers sites there are different criteria that are applied; this should be a consistent approach. Consider this approach during the **site assessment** process. The important issue is to consider what impacts/harm to the historic environment could result from development and how they can be avoided/ mitigated. A heritage impact assessment would be a beneficial tool.	SA methodology reviewed and assessment commissioned.
Historic England	Sources at the end of the **assessment criteria** should reference historic environment sources such as the HER and other documents of relevance.	Noted.
Staffordshire County Council	The three Extensive Urban Survey (EUS) for Alton, Cheadle and Leek should be included within Chapter 2 paragraph 2.4 under the heading "Historic Assets" alongside the reference to the Historic Environment Character Assessment (HECA). The EUS also considers the impacts of change on the historic environment of the District's three medieval towns in greater detail than that provided within the HECA. The emerging English Heritage and SCC guidance on the sustainable reuse of historic farm buildings and sympathetic new build on historic farmstead complexes is a county-wide guidance document which has particular resonance in the Staffordshire Moorlands. This guidance lays a methodology for the preliminary assessment of historic farm buildings/complexes by applicants and for discussion with local planning officers. The aim of this approach is to enable early discussion and the development of appropriate and sustainable proposals which promote the conservation of historic farm	Noted.

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	complexes through their sustainable reuse and the deployment of appropriate new build to reflect the area and the site's inherent historic character. The section on 'Historic Assets' considers (in sentence 2) the range of heritage assets, many of which are statutorily protected including '…buildings, gardens and structures'; this sentence must also include reference to archaeological remains (such as the Scheduled Bury Bank hillfort'). This section should also recognise that the unique character of heritage assets may comprise a range of individual elements, for example Alton Castle is a Grade I Listed Building, but is also a Scheduled Monument which also incorporates medieval earthworks, structural remains and below ground archaeological remains within its bounds. The castle also represents an important landscape feature. The majority of heritage assets are not however statutorily protected and instead receive consideration as part of the planning process. The nature of below ground archaeological remains means that their presence and significance is often not fully understood before they are encountered. As such there is the potential for non-scheduled nationally important remains to be present. Sustainability in this context requires early discussions (and in some circumstances investigations) where development may impact upon such sensitive remains to develop appropriate strategies to ensure the conservation and enhancement of such remains.	
Staffordshire County Council	There are errors in the Biodiversity, Flora and Fauna section in 2.4. Geodiversity should be added. Nationally designated sites are not referenced. It should be made clear that the data from Defra for area of designated sites in favourable condition relates only to SSSIs. Staffordshire Wildlife Trust may be able to supply data on local sites. This will show a much lower proportion of local sites in favourable condition than SSSIs. Condition of designated habitats is therefore an issue, associated with agricultural practices and economy. This section is limited to designated sites. Reference to ecological connectivity, in line with Natural Environment White Paper and the NPPF is required. An issue in Moorlands, as elsewhere, is addressing fragmentation of habitats and facilitating and encouraging improvements in habitat connectivity. Reference to biodiversity opportunity mapping would be relevant here and to the Churnet Valley Living Landscapes Project which includes objectives for enhancing ecological connectivity. Moorlands includes a significant survival of species-rich grassland – one of the most threatened and declining habitats nationally – while the Churnet Valley supports a significant area of ancient woodland and the district supports important moorland habitats - this could be recognised including the role these surviving habitats play in attracting visitors.	Noted. SA will be updated accordingly.
Staffordshire County Council	Should be an objective to deliver more **extra care units** in line with the Flexicare Strategy. SCC keep a database which could be used for monitoring purposes.	Agree. Add extracare into Objective 5 and include a monitoring indicator.
Staffordshire County Council	Support **monitoring of SA 13** but what is the indicator measuring, total number, condition, number of designated heritage assets considered 'at risk?	Noted.
Staffordshire County Council	**Biodiversity, Flora and Fauna**: Reference to Appropriate Assessment may not be required – if this is not fully met a proposal/site should be refused. Legal requirements mean that this cannot be balanced against other objectives/criteria. If it is included the objective should be that impacts on Europa 2000 sites are fully avoided. Reference to meeting/contributing to objectives of the Water Framework Directive should be made. Reference to contributing to Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives would be welcomed. Thought could be given to an indicator of contribution to ecological connectivity. Connectivity mapping can be carried out for some habitats.	Noted and SA will be updated accordingly.

Organisation	Summary of Response	Action
Staffordshire County Council	SA 3. **Access to natural green space** could be added as an indicator. There is much evidence that this is an indicator for physical and mental health.	Noted and SA will be updated accordingly.
Staffordshire County Council	There is no mention of **Veteran or Ancient trees** within the documentation. These are highlighted in the NPPF and therefore should be reflected in local documentation. This is a difficult asset, in that they are often not recorded, however due to their cultural and ecological importance, once lost cannot be replaced. An indicator would be through data collection and safeguarding through the Planning Process. **Soil and Material Assets**. A better indicator for geological sites would be condition rather than area.	Noted and SA will be updated accordingly.
Staffordshire County Council	**Objective 2** covers access to education and minimising distance to travel. However, we feel that this does not take into account the capacity of nearby schools or the potential for new sites to provide additional facilities. Therefore, the indicators should be updated to include the number of school places created and the distance of new housing to school sites. The School Organisation Team at the County can provide data annually on new school places created for monitoring purposes.	Noted and SA will be updated accordingly.
Staffordshire County Council	**Appendix 1** should also include the following policies and documents relating to Cultural Heritage. Under International/European Context the relevancy of the European Landscape Convention (2000), Florence and the Convention for the Protection of the Archaeological Heritage of Europe (1992), Valletta should be considered. Under Local/Sub-Regional Context the three Extensive Urban Surveys (EUS), for Alton, Cheadle and Leek, should be included. This appendix should also identify the emerging EH/SCC guidance concerning the sustainable reuse of historic farmsteads. While a county-wide document, this does have particular relevant to the Staffordshire Moorlands where many important early farm buildings and complexes survive.	Noted and SA will be updated accordingly.
Staffordshire County Council	**International:** The EU Green Infrastructure Strategy should be referred to: EU-wide strategy on Green Infrastructure: Enhancing Europe's Natural Capital. The EU Water Framework Directive should be listed. **National**: The UK Biodiversity Strategy: Biodiversity 2020: A strategy for England's wildlife and ecosystem services should be cited. The White Paper on the Natural Environment: The Natural Choice- Securing the Value of Nature should be cited. The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 and the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 should be referenced. Reference to the Wildlife and Countryside Act is incorrect. This should read The Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended).	Noted and SA will be updated accordingly.
Staffordshire County Council	**European context:** The European Landscape Convention (Florence 2002): Landscape is an important part of the quality of life for people everywhere: in urban areas and in the countryside. It sets, as part of its principle aims, the promotion of landscape protection, management and planning, to be implemented through; recognising landscapes in law as an essential component of peoples surroundings, to establish and implement landscape policies aimed at landscape protection, management and planning, and to integrate landscape into regional and town planning policies as well as any other policies with possible direct or indirect impact on landscape. It advocates a landscape character approach to informing planning decisions. **Local / Sub Regional:** Planning For Landscape Change: Supplementary Planning Guidance to the Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent Structure Plan 1996-2011 or its successor document. Incorporates landscape character assessment for Staffordshire and provides guidance on protection, management and planning of Staffordshire's Landscapes. This document is currently being reviewed and updated.	Noted and SA will be updated accordingly.
Staffordshire County Council	Consider that further emphasis needs to be placed on extracare (flexicare) housing for elderly in the **baseline information**. Raft of data available from the Flexicare Strategy.	Noted and SA will be updated accordingly.

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Staffordshire County Council	In **Appendix 2** the three Extensive Urban Surveys (EUS) for Alton, Cheadle and Leek should be included within Column 2 under the heading "Historic Assets". The Staffordshire Historic Environment Character Assessment (2010), which is included in the list, deliberately excluded an assessment on the historic character and heritage assets of the built areas of these three settlements because they would be considered in greater detail by the EUS project. The EUS project is now complete and the reports for Alton (February 2013), Cheadle (June 2012) and Leek (December 2011) can be found on the Staffordshire County Council website. Column 2 "Historic Assets" should also include reference to non-designated heritage assets (monuments, buildings (which includes the non-designated traditional farmsteads which are the subject of the guidance mentioned above) and landscapes). Under column 1 "Historic Assets" reference should also be made to the Staffordshire Historic Environment Record (HER), which is held by Staffordshire County Council.	Noted and SA will be updated accordingly.
Staffordshire County Council	The data for biodiversity is limited to designated sites, Data is held by Staffordshire Ecological Record on habitats and species of principal importance for biodiversity. Quantified habitat areas could be cited as could the number of species recorded in the District. The Biodiversity Opportunity Mapping should be cited. It should be made clear that the data from Defra for area of designated sites in favourable condition relates only to SSSIs. Staffordshire Wildlife Trust may be able to supply data on local sites. It is not clear whether all ancient woodland is captured through SSSI datasets, this is available through the Inventory of Ancient semi Natural Woodland and this is not referenced in Appendix 2, which may result in some fragmented areas of woodland not being captured in this piece of work. It is common place to set parameters that will prevent the loss of ASNW, therefore without the baseline; there is a missed opportunity to use this commonly used target. Planning For Landscape Change: Supplementary Planning Guidance to the Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent Structure Plan 1996-2011 or its successor document. This provides landscape character assessment and guidance on protecting and managing landscapes.	Noted and SA will be updated accordingly.
Staffordshire County Council	**Appendix 4** does not appear to take into account the results of either the Staffordshire Historic Environment Character Assessment or the Extensive Urban Survey.	SA methodology reviewed.
Staffordshire County Council	Protected land: B) Nature Conservation Site/ TPO should refer to SAC, SPA, SSSI and habitats of principal importance. Could, for **residential allocations**, accessible natural green space within 300 metres be included as a positive in line with Natural England targets?	SA methodology reviewed.
Staffordshire County Council	The **site appraisal criteria** set out the capacity of social infrastructure as a theme, which includes education stating sites should not have an adverse impact. However, it is not clear how the appraisal scores sites that can have a positive impact, for example by providing land for new school provision if required. We therefore suggest that this should be factored into appraisal criteria as it likely that new school sites will be needed in the District to cater for new housing growth.	SA methodology reviewed.
United Utilities	**Objective 7**: support objective regarding climate change.	Comment noted.
United Utilities	**Objective 9**: support objective regarding water.	Comment noted.

Table 14.1 Summary of consultation responses and action taken

14.2 Initial SA Report April 2016

14.5 The Initial SA Report was consulted on alongside the Staffordshire Moorlands Local Plan Preferred Options Sites and Boundaries April 2016.

14.6 Consultation arrangements included:

- Direct correspondence with SEA bodies.
- Over 5,000 e-mails and 8,000 postcards sent to consultees on the Staffordshire Moorlands consultation database.
- A dedicated web-page on the Staffordshire Moorlands web-site.
- Promotion of the Local Plan consultation and drop in sessions through social media.
- Press notices and releases in local papers.
- Postcards delivered to all residents within SMDC – 48,000 and all Businesses in SMDC – 3,000.
- Site notice at each proposed site allocation within the Local Plan.
- Consultation material available in key public locations.
- Public meetings and drop-in sessions.

14.7 A total of 45 representations were received from 16 respondents. Summaries of the representations are reproduced here. The full text of representations can be read at the link:

14.8 http://staffsmoorlands-consult.limehouse.co.uk/portal/site_allocations/initial_sa_report

14.9 Responses received to the April 2016 consultation have been incorporated into the SA report, or have been used to amend the approach taken to the appraisal wherever possible.

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1. Do you support the overall approach taken to the appraisal of options?	Individual	ISA1: No.	Noted
	Individual	ISA3: Generally supports most of the appraisal and supports the need for more houses. Support for brownfield site development in Cheddleton alongside CD017.	Noted
	Individual	ISA5: No. Objection to appraisal for EN128. Adding 27 homes will not have a positive effect on emissions and traffic. There are flood risk issues. Building on this land cannot be 'overall' positive.	Noted
	Individual	ISA8: No. The council have made it impossible to comment on site allocations in some rural areas.	All representations are welcomed.
	Individual	ISA14: In Cheddleton there are brownfield and infill sites that have been rejected or not considered whilst green belt sites with direct impact on other housing developments and local ecology have been identified in preference.	Site suggestions are welcomed. The SA is part of a wider evidence base supporting site allocations.
	Individual	ISA18: No. Existing brown field sites should be used first. Already there are too many empty sites that should be developed first.	The Council is required to meet its housing needs to 2031; as there are not enough brownfield sites to achieve this, both brownfield and green field site options are being considered.
	Individual	ISA22: Looks fine to me. However, would propose we try to reinstate dilapidated houses as part of new stock.	Noted
	Individual	ISA29: Sustainable development is about balancing the social, economic and environmental needs of	Assessments use the SA Framework agreed at Scoping

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		an area. The assessments give more weight to economic development than the other elements. The appraisal is not balanced and will only lead to ultimate harm in our district.	Stage to ensure that all elements of sustainability are properly addressed.
	Draycott Parish Council	ISA32: No. The Parish Council does not support the overall approach taken to the appraisal of options. Many of the development options are considered to focus on a small area of the Staffordshire Moorlands - Draycott parish and the neighbouring council at Checkley. No consideration has been given to the knock on effects of development in our parish to neighbouring villages such as Hilderstone and Fulford.	The preferred options Local Plan proposes a pattern of development in line with the spatial strategy set out in the adopted Core Strategy.
	Individual	ISA33: There is an over-riding need for employment opportunities in Leek to support an increase in inhabitants! There are 'brown' sites in the Leek Town boundary and surrounding areas which are NOT included but which are far more suitable!	The Council is required to meet its housing needs to 2031; as there are not enough brownfield sites in Leek to achieve this, both brownfield and green field site options are being considered.
	Natural England	ISA38: Generally yes, though we offer the following comments in order to allow the council to reflect on whether a consistent approach to SA has been achieved at this stage in the process. Eg SA relating to soils, agricultural land classification (ALC) and best and most versatile land appears to err on the side of caution i.e. in this consultation the presence of ALC grade 3 and 4 appear to be taken as an indication that potentially significant environmental effects could arise. Also the methodology in terms of landscape and landscape character impacts may benefit from clarification. A number of the SA judgements appear to acknowledge potential effects on landscape character and in the context of the wider National Character Area (NCA). However despite the ongoing landscape and heritage impact assessment work (the outcome of which is not yet known) the SA score attributed is in some cases 0 (neutral) rather than 'i' denoting the need for further information.	The assessment of potential effects on soils and agricultural land has been re-visited. The Natural England Likelihood of BMV dataset has been used to reappraise preferred option sites against this element of the SA Framework to provide additional detail. SA Objective 14 is to protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources. Hence the appraisal narrative reflects assessment against the various elements of this which includes opportunities to safeguard protected sites and historic landscapes as well as landscape character - and an "overall" judgement is recorded. However the July 2017 SA report provides details of where further information has been provided or may still be required in the site summaries in section 5.
	Historic England	ISA44: The revisions in relation to our earlier comments are noted and welcomed, and SA Objectives 13, 14 and 15 in relation to 'cultural heritage' are welcomed. Any remaining references to 'undesignated' assets should be amended to 'non-designated' throughout the document. Site appraisals include uncertain and negative impacts on heritage assets / historic environment but do not offer further information. In addition, 400m has been used as a benchmark for proximity to Listed Buildings. It is not clear how or why this particular distance has been used as a benchmark since the setting of a heritage asset can be impacted upon at longer distances.	Remaining references to 'undesignated' assets have been amended in the July 2017 SA report. This version of the report has been updated to provide feedback from the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space & Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) in the site summaries set out in section 5. The heritage assessment followed the methodology presented in Historic England Advice Note 3 'The Historic Environment and Site Allocations in Local Plans' (2015).

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			The search area was taken as an area of approximately 400m radius from the site boundary to identify designated heritage assets that may be directly or indirectly affected by the proposed allocation. At discretion, assets of high importance beyond this distance were included.
2. Have we correctly identified the main significant effects and potential mitigation measures?	Individual	ISA9: Definitely NOT. Objection to planning approval SMD/2014/0576 for Blythe Park, Cresswell (OC055). Planning officer warned about sustainability issues, flooding and contamination.	Noted
	Individual	ISA15: Objection to CD002 and CD003 on highways grounds.	Noted
	Individual	ISA19: No. Sites LE127, LE128A, LE142A, LE142B are along a small country road popular with pedestrians. Existing traffic levels are dangerous.	Noted. Reflected in assessment against SA Objective 1.
	Individual	ISA23: Looks fine, would prefer Leek employment site to be kept separate.	Noted
	Individual	ISA30: In some cases significant effects have been identified but they have not changed the overall result. In Biddulph, the Phase 1 Habitat Survey identified a number of important wildlife corridors and potential Species Rich Farmland Sites, but non of this information has influenced the consideration of site allocations, or reduced housing numbers on certain sites. I can see no evidence that ecological information provided has been given equal weighting alongside economic impacts in the assessments. The wildlife corridors as a minimum must be protected. In Biddulph, only a tiny proportion of allocated housing numbers are being found within the current town boundary. Where other towns / villages / areas have the space for more development within the town boundary or on brownfield land, this should be pursued first.	SA findings are only part of the evidence base supporting site allocations. The Council is consulting on a strategic green infrastructure network and draft policies in the preferred options Local Plan to protect biodiversity and green infrastructure. The site allocations proposed in July 2017 reflect support for brownfield sites within Biddulph.
	Draycott Parish Council	ISA32: No - expanding Blythe Business Park can only exacerbate many of our local problems with lack of infrastructure and roads. Blythe Business Park is known to be a flood zone. There are potential issues with contamination of the site due to previous occupation and owners.	Noted, site has planning consent
	Individual	ISA34: No! Urban sprawl into the beauty spots of Leek is not the answer! Leek needs protection of its historic nature and especially not to sprawl out towards its defining boundary as it opens towards the National Park - This is Leek's biggest "selling point" for Tourism!	SA of development site options includes consideration of significant effects on heritage assets, landscape character and tourism, including opportunity for mitigation measures.
	Natural England	ISA39: Soils and landscape themes need further attention. Up to date information on local wildlife sites (Sites of Biological Interest and Biodiversity Alert Sites in Staffordshire) should be referenced when carrying out the SA.	Please see response to ISA38. The site appraisal summaries set out in section 5 have been updated to include feedback from the Council's 2017 ecology study that considered the scope for 'local wildlife site' (SBI) designation for (any elements of)

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			preferred option sites against Staffordshire Wildlife Trust criteria.
	Environment Agency	ISA45: Impacts on water quality need to be assessed, particularly the cumulative impact to ensure the relevant Water Framework Directive (WFD) waterbodies do not deteriorate in status and listed measures in the River Basin Management Plan (RBMP) are taken into account.	
3. Do you wish to make a comment on the appraisal of one or more specific housing target option(s)?	Individual	ISA6: Objection to assessments for RU016 and RU020. Rudyard is a popular tourist destination. This will not be enhanced by building on the greenbelt surrounding the village. These sites will be clearly visible from the approaches to the village, and the popular paths used by tourists, namely the feeder and railway track approaching Rudyard from Leek.	Noted, no action required with respect to appraisal of housing target options.
	Individual	ISA7: Objection to site BB041. Sewer and drainage infrastructure cannot cope with the existing housing. Caverwall Old Road and surrounding roads cannot cope with the existing volume of traffic.	Noted, no action required with respect to appraisal of housing target options.
	Individual	ISA10: 168 houses passed in Cresswell are not included on Site Allocations plan yet they were passed alongside the OC055 employment development.	Noted, no action required with respect to appraisal of housing target options.
	Individual	ISA20: LE140 is part of the High School and adjacent to the last newly built houses, the construction of which has led to increased flooding. The bottom playing field is now very boggy and unusable.	Noted, no action required with respect to appraisal of housing target options.
	Individual	ISA24: None at present.	Noted
	Draycott Parish Council	ISA32: Why did our parish area which originally looked at a possible 12 homes in Draycott change to 168 houses in Cresswell? We know that the Cresswell planning application has now been approved but local opinion and council comments were largely ignored.	Noted. But no action required with respect to appraisal of housing target options.
	Individual	ISA35: LE142a, LE142b, LE140, LE128a and LE127. It is unnecessary to extend the town boundary into farmland as there are still many available brownfield sites locally. There is a much greater need for jobs / employment in the town. The town gateway, especially from the National Park, Buxton Road A53, needs rigorous protection from urban sprawl in order to maintain the 'Queen of The Moorlands' identity. The Mount Road is a popular place for walking, cycling, horse-riding and general enjoyment for health and wellbeing. The Special Landscape Area and environs ought to receive the highest priority in its protection. The designation recognises that it is 'special' in nature and cannot be replaced once lost or damaged.	The appraisal of development site options considers impacts on economic development, landscape character, health and well-being, including opportunities for mitigation. However SA findings are only part of the evidence base supporting site allocations.
	Natural England	ISA40: In the case of the 3 strategic options for Cheadle no clear conclusion appears to have been reached (see answer to Q5 below).	As the Council continues to build its evidence base, the July 2017 SA report includes identification of a preferred approach.

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4. Do you wish to make a comment on the appraisal of one or more specific site allocation(s)?	Individual	ISA2: Owns a brownfield plot alongside CD017 and CD019, the development of which would enable more houses to be built in this area. Should not develop green belt land before brownfield land.	Site suggestion noted.
	Individual	ISA 4: There should be no building on CD002 and CD003 green belt land before brownfield sites are used. Puts forward an available brownfield plot to complement the usage of CD017.	Site suggestion noted.
	Individual	ISA11: Objection to OC055 expansion of Blythe Park Industrial Estate, Cresswell.	Noted, site has planning consent.
	Individual	ISA16: CD002 and CD003 are Green belt areas, with established trees and minor waterways. Further ecological surveys are required. The appraisal for CD003 and CD015 is exactly the same, other than the number of properties to be developed. It is therefore not clear why this site has not been chosen over CD003 given fewer objections and less deviation from the village boundary.	SA findings are only part of the evidence base supporting site allocations.
	Individual	ISA21: The Mount area should be kept as a beautiful, natural and accessible area for all the townspeople of Leek.	Noted
	Individual	ISA25: With regards to gypsy and traveller sites. Consider small sites spread throughout the district is best. Not one super-site.	Noted, appraisals have been carried out for all site options.
	Draycott Parish Council	ISA32: Objection to OC055 - far too big a development when the current site is not near capacity, plus the road structures are not in place to accept additional transport. Every road leaving Draycott parish area suffers from pinch points with no viable way to change that fact.	Noted; site has planning consent.
	Individual	ISA36: LE142a, LE142b, LE140, LE128a and LE127. There are a number of 'brown' sites within the town which could be very effectively used for housing development. The proposal to build almost 400 houses off the junction of the A53 as it joins Thorncliffe Road and The Mount Road is a major intrusion into public amenity and is unsupported in terms of additional infrastructure required such as roads, sewers, schools etc.	The Council is required to meet its housing needs to 2031; as there are not enough brownfield sites to achieve this, both brownfield and green field site options are being considered. Infrastructure requirements will be addressed by the emerging Local Plan.
	Natural England	ISA41: Please see our response to the Cheadle options (answer to Q5) below.	Noted
5. Do you wish to make a comment on the appraisal of one or more alternative development approaches for Cheadle?	Individual	ISA12: 168 houses in Cresswell not included.	Permissions are included in the housing supply figures.
	Individual	ISA26: With regards to infrastructure. I will leave it to the experts, other than I feel access to road nodes and any associated reduction in the speed limits need to be considered carefully.	Noted
	JMW Planning Limited	ISA28: The south-western option should play a major role in providing the housing that the Council is committed to in the Core Strategy and the owners of sites CH085a-d and CH093 are committed to helping the Council achieve that. These sites are well positioned in relation to existing facilities in the town and for the most part could be reached by a	Please see preferred options Local Plan for details of proposed site allocations and strategy in relation to green belt release. Support for south western development approach for Cheadle noted.

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		means of transport other than the private motor vehicle. CH093 should come out of the Green Belt given the findings of the Council's study. This is a site that could be developed quickly to provide a mix of housing.	
	Natural England	ISA42: No clear conclusion is presented regarding the 3 broad options presented (Table 5.6 appears to dismiss all 3). We note that certain environmental assets like the Cecilly Brook Local Nature Reserve (LNR) and its population of water voles appear to be under threat irrespective of which option is chosen. The appraisal would benefit from a clearer narrative in terms of how impacts upon this environmental asset have been assessed. This appraisal outcome highlights the value of early and pro-active consideration of the management options for the LNR and the 'master-planning' of new housing and associated development in Cheadle. Scope may exist for a green infrastructure led project that is designed to 'fit' within the wider development of the town.	These recommendations have been included in updated site summaries included in the July 2017 SA report and can be taken forward through the strategic development site policies included in the preferred option Local Plan. A Strategic GI network report has also been prepared to help guide development site policies and inform the SA.
6. Does this Initial SA Report, together with the SA Scoping Report provide sufficient information at this stage to ensure that an appropriate SA can be carried out of the emerging Staffordshire Moorlands Local Plan?	Individual	ISA13: No. Objection to site OC055. Red listed species ignored. Flood risk assessment not appropriate. Grade II listed building (St Mary's church) not considered; issues with road infrastructure and sustainability.	Noted, site has planning consent.
	Individual	ISA17: It is unclear why certain plots are considered as preferable over others. Eg CD003 vs CD015. The document is vague and does not provide detail about ecological surveys. Many negative effects have been identified for CD003 whilst the appraisal for CD015 seems more positive. CD015 also demonstrates infill which is preferable and adjoins another brownfield site which is left undeveloped currently.	SA findings are only part of the evidence base supporting site allocations. Further evidence with respect to ecological surveys is included in the July 2017 SA report.
	Individual	ISA27: Leek Town boundary looks fine.	Noted
	Individual	ISA31: NO - SMDC is missing a key part of the evidence base referenced in the Core Strategy. A Green Infrastructure Strategy is required to ensure that the wildlife corridors within the District are identified and protected as Visual Open Space.	The Council is consulting on a strategic green infrastructure network and associated draft policies in the preferred options Local Plan.
	Draycott Parish Council	ISA32: No it does not. The scope of the Local Plan may be reasonably documented but really would benefit from local input. The council considers that a Local Plan is required for broad planning ideals but SMDC should then consider the needs and observations of Neighbourhood Plans. Local action group and Draycott Parish Council actively opposed the Blythe Park / Cresswell application and yet it still was passed. Now this local area is expected to pick up the problems that will be associated with this awful planning decision. Neighbourhood Planning processes need to be considered with the Scoping Report.	Noted. SMDC is supporting the preparation of Neighbourhood Plans, each of which will consider issues of sustainability.
	Individual	ISA37: Look at brownfield sites for housing.	The Council is required to meet its housing needs to 2031; as there are not enough brownfield sites in Leek to achieve this, both

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			brownfield and green field site options are being considered.
	Natural England	ISA43: Yes, subject to our comments being considered and acted on.	Noted.

Table 14.2 Responses received to consultation on Initial SA Report April 2016

14.3 Draft SA Report July 2017

14.10 A draft SA report was consulted on alongside the Staffordshire Moorlands Preferred Options Local Plan (July 2017) for an eight week period between Monday 31st July and Friday 22nd September.

14.11 Consultation arrangements included:

- Direct correspondence with SEA bodies.
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- Promotion of the Local Plan consultation and drop in sessions through social media.
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- Consultation material available in key public locations.
- Public meetings and drop-in sessions.

14.12 A total of 65 representations were received from 23 respondents. Summaries of the representations are reproduced here. The full text of representations can be read at the link:

http://staffsmoorlands-consult.objective.co.uk/portal/local_plan/sa_report_july17

14.13 Responses received to the July 2017 consultation have been incorporated into the SA report, or have been used to amend the approach taken to the appraisal wherever possible.

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1. Do you support the overall approach taken to the appraisal of options?	Individual	DSA2: Identify and mitigate any adverse effects on the quality of our countryside by avoiding the building of huge numbers of houses - this element I strongly support.	The Council is required to meet its objectively assessed housing need. There is not enough brownfield land or sites or infill sites in settlements to meet the District's proposed housing requirements so green field sites need to be included. Any new development taking place will be subject to design policies contained within the new Local Plan.

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	Individual	DSA12:The approach seems fine but some of the conclusions are contentious.	Noted. Conclusions are supported by setting out any assumptions made.
	Individual	DSA17: Yes, all options should be appraised in the light of local and national agendas. However, the objectives and criteria presented as questions to consider in this Appraisal report do not seem to have been adhered to in the proposals of the preferred Options Local report.	The findings of the Sustainability Appraisal report have been used to help inform the preparation of the emerging Local Plan.
	Individual	DSA18:No, the options for Cheadle are too heavily weighted towards the west where there has already been extensive development. The map indicates green space to the west of Team Road which is not open to the public as the areas are school playing fields. The option to protect a small patch of land along Glebe Road is pointless as who would want to use this in the summer apart from walking a dog.	The SA identifies Option 4 as the preferred development aproach for Cheadle: north - south clusters with small sites scattered through the town. The illustration of school playing fields as open space on a map does not indicate public access, but shows protection under Core Strategy policy for open space. The Council's evidence base supports the proposed designation of grassland to the north east of Glebe Road as a Local Green Space.
	Individual	DSA28: No. I do not support the approach to the Traveller Sites appraisals.	Noted. See responses to DSA29 and DSA30.
	Individual	DSA41: No. Not enough priority on protecting the Peak Park Gateways to Leek especially A53 Buxton Road approach and area.	In its appraisals, the SA considers the findings of the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) that has made recommendations concerning potential impact on the setting of the Peak District National Park.
	Individual	DSA36: No. Your plan does Cheadle no favours we have been through this so many times - you do not listen this plan is overkill to the southwest and north east why do we have to keep telling you the same thing?	Residents' views have been sought as part of the consultation. The Council must balance this evidence against all the other evidence relating to sites and reach a decision on whether or not to include them as development sites in the Local Plan.
	Individual	DSA49: I object. The housing allocation should have been divided in smaller groups around the town. 400 houses and 300 hundred houses in two sites is not good planning and puts too much pressure on the two areas of South West and North East in all the town can't cope with another 2500 vehicles we can't cope with what we have got.	Four reasonable alternative development approaches were considered for Cheadle, in line with the strategy set out in the Core Strategy. The SA identifies Option 4 as the preferred aproach: north - south clusters with small sites scattered through the town. The Cheadle Town Centre Phase 2 Study (2017) identifies the likely impacts of the housing and employment Preferred Options sites on the surrounding highway network and recommends a package of mitigation measures.

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	Historic England	DSA53: We welcome the many references to Historic England's previous comments and how the Council has taken these recommendations on board and incorporated the amendments into the SA. We are further supportive of the detailed assessment of the planning policies against the SA objectives. We welcome the inclusion of the maps and how they detail listed buildings and conservation areas as this has been useful in flagging which sites may have a potential impact for heritage and where we do not have any concerns. However, we would request that all heritage assets are plotted to ensure that we have all of the appropriate information. Additionally, it would benefit from highlighting locally designated heritage assets for further information.	Support for addressing Historic England's previous comments and for inclusion of the maps showing designated heritage assets and conservation areas is noted. Whilst we appreciate the value of the District's wealth of non-designated heritage assets for local communities and sense of place, unfortunately the Council does not have the resources to identify all of these on GIS. However the Council currently records two heritage assets on the Local Heritage Register: Pickwood Recreation Ground, Leek and the Holly Bush Inn, Brown Edge and these will be included in the SA of sites where appropriate.
	Staffordshire County Council	DSA58: It is noted that following the previous consultation in July 2016 that the Landscape, Local Green Space & Heritage Impact Study (August 2016) has been completed and the results of this work have been incorporated into the Sustainability Appraisal Report of Preferred Options Local Plan (SAR). SA Objective 13 Built and Cultural Heritage, Landscape and Local Distinctiveness for the preferred options is welcomed and the assessment criteria makes clear that development should ensure the continued protection and enhancement of both designated and non-designated heritage assets and their settings which is welcomed.	Support for SA Objective 13 and the assessment criteria noted.
2. Have we correctly identified the main significant effects and potential mitigation measures?	Individual	DSA1: 5500 public comments in 2015, 8600 in 2016. If the response to these comments is accurate then the methodology is good.	Noted.
	Individual	DSA19: No again for Cheadle there has been no thought of developing land opposite the JCB factory on Leek Road. There has also been no thought of developing any land to the North just over developed land to the West adding to urban sprawl.	The SA report records detail of the appraisal of over forty sites in Cheadle considered to be reasonable alternatives for the location of delivering new homes. The sites comprise a mix of those within and outside the settlement boundary.
	Individual	DSA29: No. You have not placed enough emphasis on the effects traveller sites can have on the community in which they are provided. In particular the effects on vulnerable people. Tax payers money should not be used to provide land and facilities to those who choose to wander the lengths and breadths of this country. They like everyone else should provide all the funds for their own land and facilities.	Under SA Objective 1. (To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live) the appraisal has considered whether a site size and location is sufficient to provide a buffer and screening. National planning policy for travellers sites includes the requirement for local planning authorities to work collaboratively to develop fair and effective strategies to meet need through the identification of land for sites.
	Individual	DSA42: In Leek housing development has been 'dumped' on the eastern edges of THE MOUNT despite the availability of many more suitable sites	The SA has appraised a large number of site options in Leek and findings of the appraisals have

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		less destructive to the character of Leek as 'Queen of The Moorlands'. Where THE MOUNT is included care should be taken to retain the historic character and to remain below the ridge-line. Care should be taken to avoid destroying the setting of the Town and its relationship with the Peak Park Boundary. Too much priority has been placed on 'greenbelt' despite the fact that many of these alternative sites are not particularly scenic. The Peak National Park acts as a 'greenbelt' protection to the north / north east of Leek and the area between Leek and the Peak Park boundary should continue to be protected. The removal of the title 'Special Landscape Area' by the planning department in NO WAY downgrades the vital role it plays. This is not the side of Leek in which 'Urban Sprawl' should take place!	been used in preparation of the emerging Local Plan. Local Plan Policy DSL2 Land at the Mount, Leek - requires development to provide mitigation measures including those identified in the Council's Landscape, local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study.
	Individual	DSA50: We have been begging you to reconsider building on the east side of Leek Road which is closer to the town centre. A strip of housing could go from the east side of Leek road up to Froghall Road. A road could be built to carry traffic from the North East allowing traffic to go to / from JCB and the Potteries without therefore easing the present problem of Froghall / Leek road junction. I am aware that this area is Green Belt but the Green Belt is strangling Cheadle into making bad planning decisions. Housing in this area would bring a better equal spread town and improve the traffic problems.	Four reasonable alternative development approaches were considered for Cheadle, in line with the strategy set out in the Core Strategy. The SA identifies Option 4 as the preferred aproach: north - south clusters with small sites scattered through the town.
3 - Do you wish to make a comment on the appraisal of one or more Local Plan policy option(s)?	Individual	DSA3: Yes take account of Council Tax payers views as well as responding to National and Local guidelines.	Residents' views have been sought as part of the consultation. The Council must balance this evidence against all the other evidence relating to sites and reach a decision on whether or not to include them as development sites in the Local Plan.
	Individual	DSA20: No, the traffic survey has no data over the summer months when there is increased traffic congestion due to people visiting Alton Towers. Also any new school will be built to the north east which would cause further issues of residents having to travel through the town at peak times.	The location of the school is intended to spread provision to the rest of the town. Currently, schools are clustered further to the south which exacerbates traffic problems at peak periods. The Cheadle Town Centre Phase 2 Study (2017) identifies the likely impacts of the housing and employment Preferred Options sites on the surrounding highway network and recommends a package of mitigation measures.
	Individual	DSA43: Site 142b off Thorncliffe Road is outside the Development Boundary and is situated in a prominent position on the Leek A53 North gateway to the Town Centre. The site does not have an access from Thorncliffe Road and it is therefore 'unsustainable' for development. Development would require upgrading of the roads and junction which would be visually and traffic intrusive. The proposed new Town Boundary Line has been 'bent' to accommodate the inclusion of Site 142b . The	Detail of the appraisal of site LE142b is set out in table 12.33 from page 439-443 of the July 2017 SA report. A summary is provided on page 107. Appraisal against the SA Framework has identified a number of potential positive and negative effects as well as issues requiring further investigation. Appraisal of all site

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		site is a very long-standing local amenity as a 'Livery Yard' within easy access of the town. Loss of this facility would be detrimental to recreational opportunities. The site is also historically an established Caravan Club and would be a significant tourism Loss. There are ecological issues reported on the 142b Site Appraisal. There is a multiple TPO on the site and bats are known to be nesting in the trees. There is a conflict in the approach given to Site Appraisals, Site 142b having been given undue positive comments despite the Appraisal containing few positives. The negative effects of development of site 142b are significantly greater than other available options.	options against the SA Framework is desgned to help ensure consistency. The Council must balance this evidence against all the other evidence relating to sites and reach a decision on whether or not to include them as development sites in the Local Plan.
4 - Do you wish to make a comment on the appraisal of one or more housing or employment requirement option(s)?	Individual	DSA4: Yes. Listen to Council Tax payers as well as guidance from central government and SMDC Officers many of whom pay no Council Tax to SMDC.	Residents' views have been sought as part of the consultation. The Council must balance this evidence against all the other evidence relating to sites and reach a decision on whether or not to include them as development sites in the Local Plan.
	Individual	DSA30: No. You have not placed enough emphasis on the effects traveller sites can have on the community in which they are provided. In particular the effects on vulnerable people. Tax payers money should not be used to provide land and facilities to those who choose to wander the lengths and breadths of this country. They should provide all the funds for their own land and facilities.	See response to DSA29.
	Individual	DSA44: Employment is more urgently necessary than housing. Site LE142b off Thorncliffe Road is outside the Development Boundary and is situated in a prominent position on the Leek A53 North gateway to the Town Centre. The site does not have an access from Thorncliffe Road and it is therefore 'unsustainable' for development. Development would require upgrading of the roads and junction which would be visually and traffic intrusive. The proposed new Town Boundary Line has been 'bent' to accommodate the inclusion of LE142b . The site is a very long-standing local amenity as a 'Livery Yard' within easy access of the town. Loss of this facility would be detrimental to recreational opportunities. The site is also historically an established Caravan Club and would be a significant tourism loss. There are ecological issues reported on the 142b Site Appraisal. There is a multiple TPO on the site and bats are known to be nesting in the trees. There is a conflict in the approach given to Site Appraisals, LE142b having been given undue positive comments despite the Appraisal containing few positives. The negative effects of development of site 142b are significantly greater than other available options.	The SA has considered four alternative employment land requirements drawn from a number of potential future scenarios in order to help identify requirements for B-class employment space in the district over the seventeen year period 2014-2031. Also see response to DSA43.
	Individual	DSA51: Site option BE041 - there appear to be inconsistent and unfounded appraisal findings. Assessment against SA Objectives 1, 2, 8, 10, 11, 12, 14, 17 and 18 in Table 12.149 are recorded as negative, neutral or uncertain. The development	The SA considered a number of positive effects were likely to result from taking forward this site option, including from the delivery of new homes and the site's access to

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		of this greenfield site within the village would make a positive contribution towards community cohesion and neighbourhood quality by the introduction of much needed family homes. Ecology and other studies indicate assessments should be revised. Releasing this site would not impact on acricultural land. The potential economic growth will provide support to a dwindling local economy. It is unreasonable that employment should be expected within 1500m of such areas. Employment opportunities are within acceptable sustainable limits. The summary of overall likely significant effects should also be revised. This site has a high potential to meet all of the SA Objectives and can have a positive effect on the LP. Offers to the Parish to assist with the neighbourhood plan have been met with silence.	open space and its distance away from historic assets. Also its positive effect on the village and its location away from areas of flood risk. However, the site is relatively inaccessible to services and facilities and areas of existing employment which is considered likely to have a negative effect. The Council's Green Belt Review concluded that the site could be considered for release from the Green Belt if exceptional circumstances can be demonstrated.
	Knights LLP	DSA62: There has been no justification as to why 320 dwellings per annum compared to 330 dwellings per annum has been made or assessed within the supporting sustainability appraisal.	The SA is prepared alongside the emerging Local Plan. The report to Council Assembly 8 March 2017 sets out the reasons behind the recommendation that an annual housing requirement of 320 homes per year should be taken forward into the Preferred Options Local Plan. In February 2017, the SA considered four options for an annual requirement of new homes per year (2014 - 2031): Option 1: 235; Option 2: 260; Option 3: 330; Option 4: 450. This follows the appraisal in January 2016 of options as follows: options for number of new homes each year (2016 - 2031): Option 1: 250; Option 2: 320; Option 3: 440;Option 4: 520. However since the preferred annual requirement of 320 homes pa has not been subject to recent appraisal, this will be undertaken to inform the submission version of the plan.
	Harlequin Development Strategies (Crewe) Ltd	DSA64: There has been no justification as to why 320 dwellings per annum compared to 330 dwellings per annum has been made or assessed within the supporting sustainability appraisal.	Please see response to DSA62.
5 - Do you wish to make a comment on the appraisal of one or more proposed development site option(s)?	Individual	DSA5: Yes don't bespoil our beautiful countryside at the expense of building development and check your data re housing requirements for the future.	Please see response to DSA2.
	Individual	DSA11: Sites on Mount Road: LE128, LE140 and LE 066. The proposal to build here is unacceptable as the Mount is an important open space close to the town centre and is a very popular route for walking, jogging and cycling. A head count taken on Sun 8th May 2016 between 0700 and 2000 counted a total of 217 people using the road for recreation. A similar survey on 7th September 2017 showed a total of 163 persons. If the developments proceed then Mount Road would be widened and become a busy estate road and by-pass between	The SA has appraised a large number of site options in Leek and findings of the appraisals have been used in preparation of the emerging Local Plan. Local Plan Policy DSL2 Land at the Mount, Leek - requires development to provide mitigation measures identified in the Council's Landscape, local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study.

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		the Ashbourne and Buxton Roads. There are more suitable alternative sites on the western side of Leek.	
	Individual	DSA15: SA Objective on CD017 Table 12.155 page 998 item 13 refers to the site being within 400m of 4 grade 11 listed assets. Could you clarify which assets this refers to please?	The assessment of site CD017 notes the proximity of the site to a number of grade II listed assets. These are: Heath House farmhouse; Milepost on Cheadle Road; Cottage approx. 100m north of Felthouse Lane; Lodge to Ascombe Park; Ashcombe Park; Garden walls 50m south west of Ashcombe Park; Tunnel connecting stables and Ashcombe Park; Basin to centre of walled garden at Ashcombe Park.
	Individual	DSA16: Site option EN128, Endon. The following have not been addressed: Will it minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion; support the use of public transport; support safe walking and cycling; protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure? The Environment Agency commented: The ability of the WFD waterbodies to meet their required status by 2027 could be affected by growth. The ability of the existing sewerage infrastructure and water environment to accommodate the proposed levels of growth should be reflected within this section. Is new development directed towards areas of least flood risk; will it reduce risk of flooding and encourage water efficiency and demand management? (These considerations should be taken into account when planning developments) Source: SMDC Sustainability Report July 2017	The site appraisal for EN128 recorded in Table 12.169 from pages 1056 - 1060 in the SA report July 2017 notes that the site is within 400m of the village centre, 800m of a GP surgery, as well as being adjacent to an area of open space and within 500m of a bus stop, which overall was considered likely to reduce the need to travel by car within the village and facilitate access to the natural environment. As the site is located in flood zone 1 it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. An Infrastructure Delivery Plan is being prepared which will identify the infrastructure necessary to support the Local Plan proposals. Local Plan Policy will require that, wherever possible, development will promote the reduction of flood risk by the use of sustainable drainage techniques, as well as taking opportunities to contribute to wider Council objectives such as its emerging Green infrastructure strategy.
	Individual	DSA21: Again in Cheadle the development plan is weighted towards the west with one of the main employers to the north.	The SA identifies Option 4 as the preferred development aproach for Cheadle: north - south clusters with small sites scattered through the town.
	Individual	DSA34: BG008, BG014, BG015. Disagree with the positive assessments. SA Obj. 5: Costs of providing access and services into these sites mitigate against the possibility of any housing being "affordable". Obj. 6 and 7 refer to additional housing leading to less car travel, however since there are no village facilities it is necessary to drive. Whilst sites are within 500m of a bus stop there is a very limited service. Obj. 9: Building over green land would increase flood risk. The provision of sewerage and drainage requirements would be	The appraisal of these sites notes that proposed delivery of new homes is likely to have a significant positive effect, as could the sites' accessibility to areas of existing employment. Similarly, the sites' accessibility to areas of open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the sites are considered to be inaccessible to services and facilities which is

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		constrained technically and compromise the profitability of a site. Obj. 10: The assertion that these sites are poorly connected to other bio-diverse sites is incorrect. Obj, 14: Development would have landscape impact. Obj. 16: Bagnall just has a village hall and a pub. Development would not improve facilities. Item 18: Economic: Housing will not have a positive effect on employment but result in the additional residents travelling out of the village by car. Item 14: This is a historic village with many old buildings of great character. A modern estate will have a detrimental effect. Summary conclusions should also be revised. Albeit these sites are not included as preferred options, the SA should be amended to inform any future reconsideration.	likely to have a significant negative effect, as could the sites' proximity to historic assets. The development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land and the potential ecological value of the sites were considered to have a negative effect. The Council's Green Belt review concluded that BG008 could be considered for release from the Green Belt if exceptional circumstances could be demonstrated. The review did not recommend considering BG014 or BG015 for release from the Green Belt. Bagnall is defined in the Core Strategy as a smaller village. In line with the proposed developmnent approach, no site allocations have been proposed.
	Individual	DSA26: BG008, BG014 and 015: Item 4: More properties represent more opportunity for crime irrespective of design. Item 5: Costs of providing access and services mitigate against provision of "affordable" homes. Items 6 and 7: Bagnall has just a pub and is not accessible to any services, the use of vehicles is an absolute requirement. Item 9: 10 properties on greenfield sites would create a flood risk. Provision of sewerage and drainage requirements would be constrained technically and compromise the profitability of a site. Item 10: The assertion that these sites are poorly connected to other bio-diverse sites is incorrect. Item 14: Development would have landscape impact. Item 16: In Bagnall there are no shops or services beyond basic infrastructure, development would not improve services. Item 18: There are minimal employment opportunities. Summary conclusions should also be amended. Albeit these sites are not preferred options, the SA is incorrect and misleading. TR023 Anzio Camp and TR024 would be better suited to housing than to use as a gypsy and traveller site.	Please see response to DSA34.
	Individual	DSA45: Site LE142b off Thorncliffe Road is outside the Development Boundary and is situated in a prominent position on the Leek A53 North gateway to the Town Centre. Site 142b does NOT have an Access from Thorncliffe Road. It is therefore 'Unsustainable' for development. Development would require major upgrading of the roads and junction. The proposed new Town Boundary line has been peculiarly 'bent' to accommodate the inclusion of 142b. The site is a Livery Yard providing recreation in a sustainable horse-riding location. The site is also historically a Caravan Club and would be a tourism loss. There are also ecological issues including bats and multiple TPOs on the site. Other sites have been excluded on this basis resulting in a conflict in the approach given to Site Appraisals. Site 142b has been given undue positive comments despite the Appraisal containing few positives, the negative effects of development are significantly greater than other available options.	Please see response to DSA43.

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	Individual	DSA35: BG008, BG014, BG015. Disagree with the positive assessments. SA Obj. 5: Costs of providing access and services into these sites mitigate against the possibility of any housing being "affordable". Obj. 6 and 7 refer to additional housing leading to less car travel, however since there are no village facilities it is necessary to drive. Whilst sites are within 500m of a bus stop there is a very limited service. Obj. 9: Building over green land would increase flood risk. The provision of sewerage and drainage requirements would be constrained technically and compromise the profitability of a site. Obj. 10: The assertion that these sites are poorly connected to other bio-diverse sites is incorrect. Obj, 14: Development would have landscape impact. Obj. 16: Bagnall just has a village hall and a pub. Development would not improve facilities. Item 18: Economic: Housing will not have a positive effect on employment but result in the additional residents travelling out of the village by car. Item 14: This is a historic village with many old buildings of great character. A modern estate will have a detrimental effect. Summary conclusions should also be revised. Albeit these sites are not included as preferred options, the SA should be amended to inform any future reconsideration.	Please see response to DSA34.
	Individual	DSA37: Sites CH085A, CHO85b CHO85C and CHO85D (Cheadle South West) are the only green space sites left you leave this area with only one field in which to walk. The whole of this area is used daily by many walkers.	Policy DSC 3 allocates land for residential development including associated public open space and requires that contributions are sought towards infrastructure, public open space, education, services and other community needs.
	Individual	DSA39: Land on the Mount in Leek should NOT be considered for development of a new school and 300+ houses. SMDC have NOT taken into consideration the amenity value of Mount Road. Sustainability, the environment and consequent quality of life of residents are the priorities. The green fields alongside Mount Road should be made green belt. Why should the town boundary be changed to allow development?	The appraisal framework includes assessment of options against the SA Objective to improve the quality of where people work and live, alongside a range of other social, environmental and economic objectives.
	Individual	DSA40: Why haven't the consultation response actions in this document been carried forward to the S.M. Local Plan? For example: 11.5 Question 4, Action: "Infrastructure requirements will be addressed by the emerging Local Plan". Why haven't the opportunities, referred to this document, been taken in the S.M. Local Plan? For example: 5.3 Appraisal of site options 5.235, 5.234, 5.251, 5.259 "There is an opportunity for contribution to the District's Green Infrastructure Network".	The SA report and Local Plan are prepared alongside one another and findings of the SA are fed into the Local Plan preparation process. Recommendations made in the July 2017 SA report may be reflected in the emerging Local Plan.
	Historic England	DSA54: We support the reference to individual sites within the SA though raise the same point as we have previously with regards to the 400m buffer and the need to ensure that setting is appropriately considered even if it is outside of the 400m buffer. We would recommend that the same detail is	Comments noted. The Heritage Assessment for the proposed site allocations followed the methodology presented in Historic England Advice Note 3 'The Historic Environment and Site

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		provided for the proposed site allocations as it has been for the planning policies and that any mitigation measures for the historic environment are included within the Plan.	Allocations in Local Plans'. The search area was taken as an area of approximately 400m radius from the site boundary to identify designated heritage assets that may be directly or indirectly affected by the proposed allocation. At discretion, assets of high importance beyond this distance were included. The approach taken for appraisal of site options and preferred option policies was agreed at the SA scoping stage. The nature of predicted effects can be identified in more detail for policies than site options, where a number of effects and mitigation measures are dependent on proposal specific information.
	Individual	DSA56: Site BE032 There are a number of conclusions based on inaccurate or outdated assumptions and my client objects to the overall assessment for this site. Assessment should address not only the original site proposed as BE032 but also the additional 12+ acres of land offered to the Council for community recreational use in the event that permission were to be granted for housing on BE032. This would lead to a positive effect on Obj.1. SO2: the SAR notes that Brown Edge has insufficient services and facilities. Allowing for sustainable growth would help address this. SO5: BE032 (as extended) can accommodate up to 59 dwellings, supporting the positive assessment. SO8: uncertain impact is recorded. Development would include bespoke landscaping. SO 11: Site is greenfield, but not BMV, leading to minor negative impacts. SO13 should have a neutral impact. In the light of pre-application discussions and significant community benefits offered it is surprising that BE032 has been discounted along with all other sites proposed for Brown Edge. This does not comply with NPPF requirements to meet need.	It is considered appropriate for the SA to consider definitive and not contingent site boundaries. The revised assessments suggested in the event of a scheme being approved are noted. It is further noted that the Council's Green Belt review concluded that the site could be considered for release from Green Belt if exceptional circumstances could be demonstrated. The Local Plan prooses 6,080 dwellings for the period 2012-2031 which is expected to meet the projected houehold increase for the District over this period.
	Staffordshire County Council	DSA59: OC001 (Bolton Copperworks, Froghall) was identified in our July 2016 response as being of particular historic and archaeological sensitivity. Paragraphs 5.1203 and 5.1204 of the SAR summarise the findings of the LLGSHIS and notes that appropriate development can be mitigated through the protection of the Listed Building and Conservation Area. However concerns raised in July 2016 re non-designated heritage assets and archaeological remains are not addressed. Solutions to protect and enhance the non-designated heritage assets and the wider historic landscape character as well as the designated heritage assets should be included. Proposals should be supported by a cultural heritage assessment incorporating all aspects of the historic environment. Other preferred options also did not consider potential impacts on non-designated heritage assets. Within Chapter 12 where impacts to the designated heritage	SA will be updated to reflect continuing concerns raised regarding Bolton Copperworks and future appraisal matrices revised to include reference to Heritage Statements where effects at this stage are uncertain.

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		resource were identified for each preferred option (SA Objective 13) in general the conclusions tended to suggest that the exact effects at this stage are uncertain. In these instances applicants should be encouraged to undertake a Heritage Statement in support of any application (NPPF, s.128). Where more complex remains or larger developments are being considered, then a full Historic Environment Desk-Based Assessment should be prepared.	
	Individual	DSA31:All the proposed traveller sites in the vicinity of Blythe Bridge are far too close to the village. You have not placed enough emphasis on the effects traveller sites can have on the community in which they are provided. Tax payers money should not be used to provide land and facilities for gypsies and travellers. They should provide all the funds for their own land and facilities.	Please see response to DSA29.
	Knights LLP	DSA61: Respondent objects to the release of part of the Regional Investment Site at Blythe Vale for housing. Policy DSR1 has not been robustly justified by the evidence base or properly assessed against all other reasonable alternatives through an SA.	Noted. This site has been appraised for mixed use development and the findings of the appraisal published in the July 2017 SA. This site is considered to represent a unique opportunity to help meet the District's objectively assessed housing need in line with the principles of the spatial strategy and to reduce the amount of land that will be required to be removed from Green Belt. The Council is not aware of any alternative available sites that are of this scale or status. However an SA will be undertaken of the reasonable alternative development approaches identified by the Council for the rural areas.
	Harlequin Development Strategies (Crewe) Ltd	DSA63: The sustainability appraisal does not assess the release of the Regional Investment Site at Blythe Vale for housing, nor is such a proposal fully considered against all other reasonable alternatives. The NPPF requires a sustainability appraisal to be an integral part of the plan preparation process, and to consider all the likely effects on the environment, economic and social factors (paragraph 165). This has not been undertaken, which is surprising given the proposed very material shift in the direction of this policy, and hence the council is failing in its legal duty, leading to an unsound policy.	Please see response to DSA61.
	Hill Dickinson for Fradley Estates	DSA65: Objection to appraisal of sites WE003 and WE052 at 12.4.3. Also to Fradley Estate's site off Langton Court / Tregaron Court (WE042 and WE043) at 12.8.3. Revised assessment would support the allocation of FE's site in substitution for WE003 and WE052. Map 17.14 contains errors relating to showing the Fradley Estates site within	In undertaking all site option appraisals, assessments were made against the SA Framework and using published definitions of significance to help inform assessments and to help ensure assessments were consistent and transparent. These definitions are

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		"Important landscape setting to settlement" and should be amended in line with the representations made to the GI Strategy.	set out in Table 3.5 of the SA report and show the rationale under-pinning judgements made on the significance of identified effects. The area identified as "important landscape setting to settlement" is based on the Council's current evidence. If this evidence should be updated, the map will be amended accordingly.
Question 6 - Do you wish to make a comment on the appraisal of alternative development approaches for Cheadle?	Individual	DSA6: Listen to the powerful and informed voice of Cheadle residents.	Noted.
	Individual	DSA22: The option for Cheadle is again weighted towards the west when there have been previous reviews in the past by the Government Inspector who decided that this was not a suitable option, yet the Council have wasted time and tax payers money adding this site again.	Please see response to DSA18.
	Individual	DSA33: It would have been interesting to see an appraisal of the development site policies but in general the owners of the Mobberley Farm Strategic Development Site are supportive of the document. Table 16.9 discussing SS8 relating to Cheadle has been noted. Care needs to be taken to ensure that the development of this site, which will be a logical extension of the town into an area historically allocated for housing, remains viable and is not overburdened with too many development requirements. The essentials are to build dwellings to meet the identified need and to provide a road which will both serve the development and any wider transportation objectives identified by the County Council. There is scope for taking both sites CH093 and CH 128 out of the Green Belt as part of a comprehensive development and that should have been considered more favourably at the very least as an option should housing elsewhere in and around the town fail to materialise.	Support noted. Development site policies have not been appraised at this stage as they represent a re-statement of proposed Local Plan policy as they relate to site specific issues and the plan policies have themselves been subject to appraisal. However the development site policies will be considered as part of the appraisal of overall plan effects at the next stage of SA.
	Individual	DSA38: Many times the areas of CH135b and CH135c have been suggested by Cheadle residents. There is a row of houses protruding into the Greenbelt. The land behind these houses is ideal for building on. We have over the years been told "No building on Green Belt" but this area is closer to the town centre than Cheadle South West. This 'Green Belt' was meant to protect towns and villages but it appears to strangle Cheadle rather than help it.	Noted.
	Staffordshire County Council	DSA60: It is not clear whether the assessment for Cheadle has utilised the results of the LLGSHIS as it is not mentioned in the references beneath each table. A review of each table suggests that only the impacts upon designated heritage assets have been considered. The mitigation measures to protect all elements of the historic environment through local plan policies is welcomed.	The Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study was not available at the time of appraisal of alternative development approaches for Cheadle. Please also see response to DSA53. Support for mitigation measures noted.

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7 - Do you wish to make a comment on the monitoring proposals, in particular the sustainability effects to be monitored and the information to be collected, including by whom and when?	Individual	DSA7: I note that housing is at the bottom of the list and in its correct place. Sustainability, the environment and consequent quality of life of residents are the priorities.	Comment noted.
	Individual	DSA23: The options for Cheadle are going to cause a large amount of congestion at peak times and any relief road to the west of the town is a white elephant as this will not take any vehicles away from the town. I can only think of one reason for this and that would be so that JCB can put a road in at the back of the factory to prevent their vehicle being slowed down by having to go through the town	Comment noted.
8 Do you wish to make any other comments about this SA Report?	Individual	DSA8: The local population take great pride in the beauty of our landscape. Sybil Ralph has frequently referred to the need to preserve our special landscape for future generations. These sentiments should be the cornerstone of this document.	Comment noted.
	Natural England	DSA13: Natural England has reviewed the Sustainability Appraisal and considers that it follows accepted guidance and methodologies and provides a thorough assessment of the potential environmental impacts of the Plan. We acknowledge that Natural England's interests have been covered throughout the appraisal of alternative development options. We are pleased to note that our comments made at the scoping stage of the SA have been addressed and the changes incorporated into the document.	Support for the methodology used is noted as well as the acknowledgement that a thorough assessment of potential impacts of the Plan is provided and that Natural England's interests have been covered including by reflection of previous comments.
	Individual	DSA27: BG008, BG014 and 015: Item 4: Should be negative as more properties represent more opportunity for crime irrespective of good design. Item 5: High cost of access and services mitigates against providing "affordable" homes. Items 6 and 7: It is incorrect to state that development could reduce the need to travel: Bagnall has no shops or services, so the use of vehicles is an absolute requirement. Item 9: Building 10 properties on each greenfield site would be a flood risk. Additional sewerage and other drainage requirements would be constrained technically and compromise the profitability of a site. Item 10: The assertion that these sites are poorly connected to other bio-diverse sites is incorrect. Item 14: There would be landscape impact Item 16: Bagnall has no shops or services beyond basic infrastructure, development would not improve facilities. Item 18: sites are within 500m of limited employment. Summary Conclusions also need to be revised accordingly. Albeit these sites are not included as preferred options, the SA is incorrect and misleading.	Please see response to DSA34.
	Individual	DSA46: I would echo the comments of others here that 'The local population take great pride in the beauty of our landscape. Sybil Ralph has	Comment noted.

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		frequently referred to the need to preserve our special landscape for future generations. These sentiments should be the cornerstone of this document.' Greater respect for the views of the local community should be more evident!	
	Historic England	DSA55: Again, we would welcome a meeting with Staffordshire Moorlands Council and the SA could form part of this wider discussion.	Historic England's comments on the SA have formed part of the continuing dialogue between the organisation and the Council.
9 - Does this July 2017 draft SA Report, together with the SA Scoping Report, provide sufficient information at this stage to ensure that an appropriate SA is carried out of the emerging Staffordshire Moorlands Local Plan?	Individual	DSA9: It would be far more effective to reduce this document in size by 80% so that residents would have a fair chance of digesting the information and providing informed responses.	It is recognised that the SA document is large, in particular with a large number of appraisal matrices in the appendices. The final version of the SA will include a non-technical summary.
	Individual	DSA32: In relation to traveller sites the assessment is too glib and very much understates the 'cons' of their provision when related to the 'pros' which are very much over egged.	Please see response to DSA29.
	Individual	DSA47: I echo the other comment that this document is extremely complex and NOT user-friendly!!!	Please see response to DSA9.
	Environment Agency	DSA57: Thank you for consulting the Environment Agency on your Sustainability Appraisal (SA) the above Local Plan. We are the main Agency providing advice on improving resilience and adaptation to the effects of climate change, with particular regard on flood risk, water resources, water quality and aquatic biodiversity. We strive to make a positive contribution through our Statutory Consultee role and we hope you will find our comments useful. We have reviewed Section 5 - Summary of findings - which provides a summary of the main findings of the SA and are satisfied with the content of this section of the SA/SEA. We trust that our comments are useful to you in taking forward the Sustainability Appraisal and Local Plan. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you wish to discuss any aspect of this letter.	Support for Section 5 - summary of findings noted.
10 - Do you wish to make a comment on either or both of the supporting documents: the Habitats Regulations Assessment report of the Staffordshire Moorlands preferred option Local Plan July 2017, or the Equality	Individual	DSA10: The fact that these docs are too cumbersome to be included in the Draft SA report is evidence that the docs are far too wordy and not conducive to genuine public participation, In the same way that this response mechanism is inappropriate for many residents. And emailed or written responses present even greater logistical challenges. Reduce word numbers, use bullet points, keep it simple and residents will participate. Not necessarily immediately because learning in such matters does not take place at the flick of a switch, but eventually. That's if SMDC truly want public participation.	The supporting documents (Habitats Regulations Assessment) and Equality Impact Assessment are stand-alone assessments that have been used to help inform the sustainabiity appraisal. Comments on the need for plain English noted. The final draft SA will include a non-technical summary.
	Natural England	DSA14: Natural England has reviewed the Habitat Regulations Assessment for Local Plan Preferred Options (July 2017). We note that the	Natural Englands's acknowledgement of the Habitats Regulations Asessment findings

Question	Consultee	Response Summary (with response reference)	Action
Impact Assessment report of the emerging Local Plan at this stage? Both these reports are available alongside this draft SA Report.		recommendations that it makes concerning the mitigation for potential LSEs have been incorporated within the wording of the plan i.e. into policies SS8 Larger Villages Area Strategy, SS9 Smaller Villages Area Strategy and NE1 Biodiversity and Geological Resources (specifically to avoid adverse effects on European sites from occurring as a result of the proposed allocation site at Waterhouses WA004). We also acknowledge that the assessment concludes at this stage that the Local Plan alone will not result in an adverse effect on the integrity of any of the European sites as a result of any traffic increases. Natural England previously advised that an in-combination effects assessment would be required and we note that this is currently being undertaken and the HRA Report will be updated to accompany the next iteration of the Local Plan.	to date and their incorporation within the text of the emerging Local Plan is noted.
	Individual	DSA24: The land to the west of Cheadle that is listed for potential development is a real community asset. It is used by a large number of residents for recreation. There is also a charity currently carrying out works to the disused railway line so that it can be used as a community asset. The fields and local woods are home to a wide variety of wild life. This development would also increase the amount of surface water going into the local stream which has the potential of causing flooding to Breach Lane and the Tean area which has been flooded in the past.	Policy DSC3 requires development to be subject to comprehensive master planning to include ecological assessment and flood risk assessment, as well as the provision of public open space.
	Individual	DSA41: The Supporting Documents are VOLUMINOUS and NOT Public Friendly and Extremely Difficult to Navigate! No wonder people are NOT ABLE to ENGAGE with this Consultation!	Please see response to DSA9.
	Individual	DSA48: Too Complicated!	Please see response to DSA9.
	Individual	DSA36: No.	Noted.
	Individual	DSA49: No.	Noted.
	Derbyshire County Council	DSA52: It is welcomed that recognition has been given to the fact that the impact of housing alone, and in combination, could potentially have an effect on European sites. Furthermore it is welcomed that this has been investigated and that mitigation measures have been incorporated into the Local Plan policies to prevent harm. There do not appear to be any issues likely to emerge from the Preferred Options which would have any material impacts upon roads in Derbyshire.	Support for the Habitats Regulations Assessment noted.

Question	Consultee	Response Summary (with response reference)	Action
	Individual	DSA25: The land to the west of Cheadle that is listed for potential development is a real community asset. It is used by a large number of residents for recreation. There is also a charity currently carrying out works to the disused railway line so that it can be used as a community asset. The fields and local woods are home to a wide variety of wild life. This development would also increase the amount of surface water going into the local stream which has the potential of causing flooding to Breach Lane and the Tean area which has been flooded in the past.	Please see response to DSA24.

Table 14.3 Responses received to consultation on Draft SA Report July 2017

Appraisal of site options

15 Appraisal of site options

15.1 As set out in the Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report August 2014, each potential site is assessed against the Council's SA Objectives. The SA Framework is reproduced in section 4 of this report and includes the decision making criteria used in carrying out the appraisal of proposals against each of the SA objectives. The definitions of significance used in the appraisals is set out in table 3.5 (in the appraisal methodology section of this report). The findings of the site appraisals are recorded in a series of tables below, with an appraisal summary.

15.2 Where the assessment refers to the findings of the HRA Report, this is the 2014 Report of the Core Strategy. A separate HRA of the Local Plan has been commissioned and its findings will be published separately.

15.3 In some cases it is not considered possible to spatially assess against an objective. Where impact on an objective depends less on the nature or location of a site, and more on the implementation of Local Plan or other policies, a neutral, or "dependent on implementation" assessment is recorded.

15.4 It should be noted that none of the criteria, or the assessment of the sustainability appraisal against these criteria, necessarily prohibits a site from begin allocated or being taken forward as a preferred option.

15.1 Leek

Sites (10+ dwellings) – within the Development Boundary

LE022

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (LE022)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The site is located within the settlement boundary, albeit on the south east edge. The development of greenfield land adjacent to the open countryside has the scope to reduce the quality of Green Infrastructure of the Town. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the settlement boundary and is within 800m of the town centre and the wide range of key services and facilities that could serve prospective residents of the site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site, on the edge of the settlement boundary, should provide residents with good access to the open countryside and help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 1,200m of a GP surgery. It should be noted that the site is in proximity to Leek Moorlands Hospital. However, it should be noted that the supply of health care services and facilities is currently adequate but is expected to be outstripped by future demand which may require additional investment through, for example, developer contributions. Overall,	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (LE022)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
		this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development could include aspects of good design which could help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 16 dwellings, and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 800m of the town centre of Leek and a 1,200m from a GP surgery and adjacent to the open countryside which should reduce the need to travel within the town. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 800m of the town centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (LE022)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site could not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is over 1,500m from Brough Park Fields (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have no effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has mostly low biodiversity value overall in terms of the species poor grassland area but has some fairly biodiverse areas connected by hedgerows to the south and north. Therefore the site is deemed to have low ecological importance. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However the land has also been assessed as urban ALC land so development of this site could not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (LE022)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site could not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non- assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 50m of two grade II listed assets and 400m of two more grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site could avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and could reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district. However, the increased population of both the town and District may have a positive effect. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural regeneration. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the town centre of Leek has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Leek and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (LE022)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this could be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is not within 1,000m to existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, could fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 16 dwellings is considered to have a positive effect. The site is also accessible to existing services and facilities which is likely to have a positive effect, as could the site's low ecological importance. However, the development of greenfield land is assessed as having a negative effect, as could the site's proximity to historic assets and the inaccessibility of existing areas of employment.			

Table 15.1

LE037A

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (LE037A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (LE037A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The site is located within the town centre of Leek, although it is also located on the settlement boundary. The redevelopment of this greenfield site could help to improve the social and environmental quality of the town centre. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	Given the town centre location of this site, it can be considered that the site would be in proximity to a wide range of key services and facilities. It should be noted that the site is in proximity to Leek First School. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The site is within 800m of a GP surgery and could have good access to the open countryside as the site is also on the edge of the settlement boundary. It could be considered that the development of this site could have a positive effect on health. It should be noted that the site is in proximity to Leek Moorlands Hospital. However, it should be noted that the supply of health care services and facilities is currently adequate but is expected to be outstripped by future demand which may require additional investment through, for example, developer contributions. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development could include aspects of good design which could help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (LE037A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 28 dwellings, and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 800m of the town centre of Leek and a GP surgery and adjacent to the open countryside which should reduce the need to travel within the town. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 800m of the town centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site could not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (LE037A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? ● Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?		
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	● Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? ● Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? ● Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is within 1,000m from Brough Park Fields (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have an effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site itself has broadleaved woodland, dense scrub and tall ruderal vegetation which are connected to semi-natural broadleaved woodland and running water habitats, which form an important potentially biodiverse mosaic as part of Ladydale SBI and therefore has been deemed to have ecological importance. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	● Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? ● Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? ● Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? ● Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? ● Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However the land has also been assessed as urban ALC land so development of this site could not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	● Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? ● Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? ● Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site could not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and	● Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural	The site is within 150m of two grade II listed assets within the town centre of Leek. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is limited scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration	-/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (LE037A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
archaeological assets along with their settings.	and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	of the setting of these historical heritage assets. It should be noted that the site is within 400m of Leek Conservation Area which has been placed on the Heritage at Risk register by Historic England. Overall, the site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site could avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and could reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district. However, the increased population of both the town and District may have a positive effect. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural regeneration. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the town centre of Leek has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Leek and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this could be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (LE037A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is in proximity to existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, could provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 28 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as could the site's proximity to existing areas of employment. The site is also accessible to existing services and facilities which is likely to have a positive effect. However, the development of greenfield land is assessed as having a negative effect, as could the site's proximity to historic assets and the ecological importance of the site.			

Table 15.2

LE045

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE045)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	SOCIAL		
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	This site is within the existing village boundary of Leek but not within the Draft New Town Boundary for Leek. There is scope, due to the size of this site, that it could enable the enhancement of existing facilities and services within the town and also improve the social and environmental quality of the neighbourhood. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due	The site is located on the edge of the settlement boundary and it is within 800m of the town centre and the wide range of key services and	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE045)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? ● Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	facilities that can be found here that would serve prospective residents of the site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	● Help improve health or access to health facilities? ● Help promote healthy lifestyles? ● Help to reduce health inequalities? ● Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site, on the edge of the settlement boundary, should provide residents with good access to the open countryside and adjacent to an area of designated open space and help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 800m of a GP surgery. However, it should be noted that the supply of health care services and facilities is currently adequate but is expected to be outstripped by future demand which may require additional investment through, for example, developer contributions. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	● Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? ● Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development could include aspects of good design which could help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	● Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? ● Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? ● Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 50 dwellings, and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	● Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? ● Support the use of public transport? ● Support safe walking and cycling? ● Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 800m of the town centre of Leek and a GP surgery and adjacent to the open countryside this should reduce the need to travel within the town. However, the site is relatively inaccessible at present, although the sites is linked to a number of other sites which could provide access. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE045)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	ENVIRONMENTAL		
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 800m of the town centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site could not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site borders Brough Park Fields (LNR), a County Site of Biological Interest for its grassland areas. It could be considered that the development of this site could lead to short-term disturbances of this habitat and possibly long term also. This could therefore have an adverse effect on the District's Green infrastructure network. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE045)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	development of this site could not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site could not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is in proximity to one grade II listed assets and within 400m of a further grade II listed asset. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. It should be noted that the site is within 400m of Dieu La Cres Abbey which has been placed on the Heritage at Risk register by Historic England. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site could avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and could reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district. However, the increased population of both the town and District may have a positive effect. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural regeneration	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE045)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
		although its location adjacent to Brough Park Fields (LNR) could detract from this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the town centre of Leek has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Leek and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this could be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 500m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, could provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 50 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as could the site's proximity to existing areas of employment and services and facilities within the town. However, the site's proximity to a designated asset is likely to have a significant negative effect. The development of greenfield land, grade 4 ALC is assessed as having a negative effect, as could the site's proximity to historic assets.			

Table 15.3

LE057

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE057)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The site is located outside of both the existing village boundary and also the draft new town boundary for Leek. The development of greenfield land adjacent to the open countryside has the scope to reduce the quality of Green Infrastructure of the Town. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	Although the site is outside of the settlement boundary for Leek, it can be considered that the site would be in proximity to a wide range of key services and facilities within Leek town centre. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The site is within 800m of a GP surgery and could have good access to the open countryside as the site is located in the open countryside, It could be considered that the development of this site could have a positive effect on health. It should be noted that the site is in proximity to Leek Moorlands Hospital. However, it should be noted that the supply of health care services and facilities is currently adequate but is expected to be outstripped by future demand which may require additional investment through, for example, developer contributions. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE057)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development could include aspects of good design which could help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 105 dwellings, and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 800m of the town centre of Leek and 1,2000m from a GP surgery and near to the open countryside which should reduce the need to travel within the town. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 400m of the town centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a s positive effect on this Objective.	++
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE057)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site could not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is over 1,000m from Brough Park Fields (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have no effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has fairly low biodiversity value overall with potential for supporting breeding birds, foraging bats and badger, but does form an important part of Ladydale SBI and therefore is attributed ecological importance. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site could not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site could not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE057)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 250m of two grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. It should be noted that the site is within 400m of Leek Conservation Area which has been placed on the Heritage at Risk register by Historic England. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site could avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and could reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district. However, the increased population of both the town and District may have a positive effect. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural regeneration although its location adjacent to the open countryside could detract from this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with access to the town centre of Leek has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Leek and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE057)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this could be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 500m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, could provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 105 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as could the site's proximity to existing areas of employment and services and facilities within the town. However, the development of greenfield land, grade 4 ALC is assessed as having a negative effect, as could the site's proximity to historic assets and the ecological importance of the site given the proximity to Ladydale SBI.			

Table 15.4

LE061

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE061)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure?	As the site is located on the edge of the town centre of Leek it could be considered that the redevelopment of this brownfield site could help to improve the social and environmental quality of the town centre. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE061)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?		
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	Given the edge of town centre location of this site, it can be considered that the site would be in proximity to a wide range of key services and facilities. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The site is within 800m of a GP surgery but has relatively poor good access to the open countryside and areas of open space. It could be considered that the development of this site for could have a positive effect on health. However, it should be noted that the supply of health care services and facilities is currently adequate but is expected to be outstripped by future demand which may require additional investment through, for example, developer contributions. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development could include aspects of good design which could help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 16 dwellings, and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion?	As noted previously, the site is within 800m of the town centre of Leek and a GP surgery and near to the open countryside which should	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE061)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	reduce the need to travel within the town. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However, the site is within 400m of the town centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site could not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites?	The site is within 500m of Cecilly Brook (LNR), the nearest designated asset. It could be considered that development of this site could possibly have an effect on this site, however these could be limited. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has low biodiversity value overall, is set within an urban environment with little connectivity	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE061)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	to the wider countryside which lowers the biodiversity of the area considerably, so therefore is considered to have low ecological value. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	The site has been assessed as being a brownfield site, similarly it is classified as urban ALC land. As such, the development of this site could avoid the loss of best and most versatile agricultural land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	The development of this brownfield site could enable the re-use of existing buildings within the town centre. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development could incorporate sustainable materials. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 50m of four grade II listed assets and within 100m of 20 grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. It should be noted that the site is within 400m of Leek Conservation Area which has been placed on the Heritage at Risk register by Historic England. Overall, the site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness?	The site could avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and could reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be limited effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE061)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district. However, the increased population of both the town and District may have a positive effect. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural regeneration. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the town centre of Leek has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Leek and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this could be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 500m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, could provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects:			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE061)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
The site's proximity to existing areas of employment and services and facilities within the town is assessed as having a significant positive effect, as could the development of brownfield, urban ALC land. The proposed delivery of circa 16 houses is considered to have a positive effect. However, the site's proximity to historic assets is assessed as being a negative effect.			

Table 15.5

LE063

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE063)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	As the site is located within the town centre of Leek it could be considered that the redevelopment of this mixed greenfield and brownfield site could help to improve the social and environmental quality of the town centre. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	Given the town centre location of this site, it can be considered that the site would be in proximity to a wide range of key services and facilities. It should be noted that the site is in proximity to Leek First School. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles?	The site is within 800m of a GP surgery and could have good access to the open countryside as the site is in proximity to the settlement boundary and the open countryside. It could be considered that the	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE063)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	development of this site for could have a positive effect on health. It should be noted that the site is in proximity to Leek Moorlands Hospital. However, it should be noted that the supply of health care services and facilities is currently adequate but is expected to be outstripped by future demand which may require additional investment through, for example, developer contributions. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development could include aspects of good design which could help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 30 dwellings, and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	The town centre location of this site means that it is within 500m of a number of bus stops as well as a range of other key services and facilities. However, there is scope that the site could increase the need to travel by less sustainable forms of transport, however this is uncertain. Overall, the site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 400m of the town centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE063)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?		
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site could not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is within 1,000m of Brough Park Fields (LNR), the nearest designated asset. It could be considered that development of this site could possibly have an effect on this site, however these could be limited. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site itself has buildings with bat potential, broadleaved woodland, dense scrub and tall ruderal vegetation which are connected to semi-natural broadleaved woodland and running water habitats, which form an important potentially biodiverse mosaic culminating in the site being attributed regional ecological importance. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield and brownfield land. However the land has also been assessed as urban ALC land so development of this site could not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE063)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?		
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site could not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 150m of two grade II listed assets within the town centre of Leek. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is limited scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. It should be noted that the site is within 400m of Leek Conservation Area which has been placed on the Heritage at Risk register by Historic England. Overall, the site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site could avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and could reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district. However, the increased population of both the town and District may have a positive effect. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural regeneration. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE063)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the town centre of Leek has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Leek and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this could be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 500m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, could provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 30 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as could the site's proximity to services, facilities and existing areas of employment. However, the site's proximity to historic assets and ecological importance of the site is likely to have a negative effect.			

Table 15.6

LE064

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE064) ...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion?	The site is located within the settlement boundary, albeit on the north west edge. The development of this greenfield site adjacent to the open countryside has the scope to reduce the quality of Green	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE064) ...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	Infrastructure of the Town. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	Whilst the site is located on the edge of the settlement boundary, it is still within 1,200m of the town centre and the wide range of key services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective residents of the site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site, on the edge of the settlement boundary, should provide residents with good access to the open countryside and help to support healthy lifestyles. However, the site is in excess of 1,200m of a GP surgery. However, it should be noted that the supply of health care services and facilities is currently adequate but is expected to be outstripped by future demand which may require additional investment through, for example, developer contributions. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development could include aspects of good design which could help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 11 dwellings and could not significantly contribute to housing in the District. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE064) ...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?		
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 800m of the town centre of Leek and adjacent to the open countryside this should reduce the need to travel within the town. Similarly, the site is near to the A523 which has a number of bus stops and services serving it. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 800m of the town centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	Part of the site is located within flood zone 2 and an area which highlights that communities are at risk from fluvial flooding as noted in the SFRA. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this objective.	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE064) ...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is over 750m from Cecilly Brook (LNR), the nearest designated asset. It could be considered that development of this site could possibly have an effect on this site, however these could be limited. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has fairly low biodiversity overall, with fairly poor connectivity to more biodiverse habitats therefore is attributed low ecological importance. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However the land has also been assessed as urban ALC land so development of this site could not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site could not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m of three grade II listed assets and a scheduled monument, Brindley's Mill. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE064) ...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site could avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and could reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district. However, the increased population of both the town and District may have a positive effect. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural regeneration. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with access to the town centre of Leek has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Leek and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this could be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 500m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, could provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects:			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE064) ...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
The site's proximity to existing areas of employment is considered to be a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site has good accessibility to services and facilities which is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is located within flood zone 2 which is assessed as being a negative effect. The development of greenfield land is likely to have a negative effect, as could the site's proximity to historic assets and a Local Nature Reserve.			

Table 15.7

LE070

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE070)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	As the site is located within the town settlement boundary of Leek it could be considered that the redevelopment of this brownfield site could help to improve the social and environmental quality of the town centre. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located toward the edge of town, it is still within 800m of the town centre and the wide range of key services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective residents of the site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to the nearby open space and countryside which should help to support	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE070)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 800m of a GP surgery. However, it should be noted that the supply of health care services and facilities is currently adequate but is expected to be outstripped by future demand which may require additional investment through, for example, developer contributions. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development could include aspects of good design which could help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 22 dwellings, and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 800m of the town centre of Leek and a GP surgery and near to the open countryside which should reduce the need to travel within the town. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 800m of the town centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE070)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site could not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is over 800m away from Brough Park Fields (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have no effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has mostly low biodiversity value overall and is deemed to have low ecological importance overall while being set within an urban environment with little connectivity to the wider countryside. The site is attributed district ecological importance as there is potential for buildings and a tree to support roosting bats. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	The site has been assessed as being a brownfield site, similarly it is classified as urban ALC land. As such, the development of this site could avoid the loss of best and most versatile agricultural land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE070)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	The development of this brownfield site could enable the re-use of existing buildings within the town centre. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development could incorporate sustainable materials. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m of three grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site could avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and could reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be limited effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district. However, the increased population of both the town and District may have a positive effect. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural regeneration. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with access to the town centre of Leek has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Leek and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE070)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this could be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 500m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, could provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 22 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as could the development of urban ALC brownfield land, the site's proximity to services, facilities and existing areas of employment. However, the site's proximity to historic assets and the ecological importance of the site is assessed as a negative effect.			

Table 15.8

LE076

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE076)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure?	This site is within the existing village boundary of Leek but not within the Draft New Town Boundary for Leek. There is scope, due to the size of this site, that it could enable the enhancement of existing facilities and services within the town and also improve the social and environmental quality of the neighbourhood. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE076)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?		
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the settlement boundary, it is still within 800m of the town centre and the wide range of key services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective residents of the site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site, on the edge of the settlement boundary, should provide residents with good access to the open countryside and adjacent to an area of open space should help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 800m of a GP surgery. However, it should be noted that the supply of health care services and facilities is currently adequate but is expected to be outstripped by future demand which may require additional investment through, for example, developer contributions. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development could include aspects of good design which could help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 50 dwellings, and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion?	As noted previously, the site is within 800m of the town centre of Leek and a GP surgery and adjacent to the open countryside this should	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE076)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	reduce the need to travel within the town. However, the site is relatively inaccessible at present, although access could be provided through other allocated sites. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 800m of the town centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site could not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites?	The site is within 250m of Brough Park Fields (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered that development could have an effect on this asset, at least a short term disturbance of this habitat, if not long term. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has potential for numerous protected species to be present due to the	-/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE076)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	intricate habitat mosaic present on site. The site is also well connected to more biodiverse habitats and the wider countryside. Moreover the site is part of Ball Haye Green Disused Tip SBI and therefore is attributed regional ecological importance. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site could not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site could not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 50m of one grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness?	The site could avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and could reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE076)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district. However, the increased population of both the town and District may have a positive effect. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural regeneration although its location near to Brough Park Fields (LNR) could detract from this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with access to the town centre of Leek has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Leek and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this could be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 500m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, could provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects:			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE076)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
The proposed delivery of circa 50 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as could the site's proximity to services, facilities and existing areas of employment. However, the site's proximity to a designated asset is likely to have a significant negative effect. The development of greenfield land, grade 4 ALC is assessed as being a negative effect, as could the site's proximity to a Local Nature Reserve and the ecological importance of the site.			

Table 15.9

LE091

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE091)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	This site is within the existing village boundary of Leek but not within the Draft New Town Boundary for Leek. There is scope, due to the size of this site, that it could enable the enhancement of existing facilities and services within the town and also improve the social and environmental quality of the neighbourhood. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the settlement boundary and is within 800m of the town centre and the wide range of key services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective residents of the site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles?	The location of this site, on the edge of the settlement boundary, should provide residents with good access to the open countryside and	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE091)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	adjacent to an area of open space should help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 800m of a GP surgery. However, it should be noted that the supply of health care services and facilities is currently adequate but is expected to be outstripped by future demand which may require additional investment through, for example, developer contributions. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development could include aspects of good design which could help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 150 dwellings, and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 800m of the town centre of Leek and a GP surgery and adjacent to the open countryside this should reduce the need to travel within the town. However, the site is relatively inaccessible at present, although access could be provided through other allocated sites. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 800m of the town centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE091)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?		
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site could not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is within 100m of Brough Park Fields (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered that development could have an effect on this asset, at least a short term disturbance of this habitat, if not long term. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site could not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE091)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?		
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site could not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 50m of one grade II listed assets and 400m of a further three grade II listed assets and a scheduled monument. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. It should be noted that the site is within 400m of Dieu La Cres Abbey which has been placed on the Heritage at Risk register by Historic England. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site could avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and could reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district. However, the increased population of both the town and District may have a positive effect. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural regeneration although its location near to Brough Park Fields (LNR) could detract from this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE091)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with access to the town centre of Leek has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Leek and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this could be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 500m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, could provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 150 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as could the site's proximity to services, facilities and existing areas of employment. However, the site's proximity to designated and historic assets is likely to have a significant negative effect. The development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is assessed as being a negative effect.			

Table 15.10

LE106

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE106)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion?	The site is located on the edge of the town centre of Leek it could be considered that the redevelopment of this brownfield site could help to	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE106)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	improve the social and environmental quality of the town centre. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	Given the edge of town centre location of this site, it can be considered that the site would be in proximity to a wide range of key services and facilities. It should be noted that the site is in proximity to the Leek Campus of Buxton and Leek College. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site, on the edge of the settlement boundary, should provide residents with good access to the open countryside and help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 1,200m of a GP surgery. However, the site is in excess of 1,200m of a GP surgery and is in proximity to one of the most deprived LSOAs in the District, Leek North, which is in the 20% most deprived nationally. However, it should be noted that the supply of health care services and facilities is currently adequate but is expected to be outstripped by future demand which may require additional investment through, for example, developer contributions. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development could include aspects of good design which could help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 16 dwellings, and therefore also	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE106)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 800m of the town centre of Leek, within 1,200m of a GP surgery and adjacent to the open countryside this should reduce the need to travel within the town. Similarly, the site is located off of the A523 which has a number of bus stops and services serving it. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 400m of the town centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site could not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE106)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is over 1,500m from Brough Park Fields (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have no effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has mostly low biodiversity value overall in terms of the species poor grassland area but has some fairly biodiverse areas connected by hedgerows to the south and north. Therefore the site is deemed to have low ecological importance. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However the land has also been assessed as urban ALC land so development of this site could not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site could not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m of three scheduled monuments, five grade II* listed assets and 63 grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. It should be noted that the site is within 400m of Leek Conservation Area which has been placed on the Heritage at Risk register by Historic England. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE106)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site could avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and could reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district. However, the increased population of both the town and District may have a positive effect. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural regeneration. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the town centre of Leek has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Leek and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this could be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 500m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, could provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects:			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE106)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
The site's proximity to services, facilities and existing areas of employment is assessed as a significant positive effect. However, the development of greenfield land, grade 4 ALC is assessed as being a negative effect. As could the site's proximity to historic assets and a Local Nature Reserve.			

Table 15.11

LE147

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE147)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	This site is within the settlement boundary of Leek, albeit on the edge. There is scope, due to the size of this site, that it could enable the enhancement of existing facilities and services within the town and also improve the social and environmental quality of the neighbourhood. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the settlement boundary and is within 800m of the town centre and the wide range of key services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective residents of the site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles?	The location of this site, on the edge of the settlement boundary, should provide residents with good access to the open countryside and adjacent to an area of open space should help to support healthy	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE147)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 800m of a GP surgery. However, it should be noted that the supply of health care services and facilities is currently adequate but is expected to be outstripped by future demand which may require additional investment through, for example, developer contributions. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development could include aspects of good design which could help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 25 dwellings, and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 800m of the town centre of Leek and a GP surgery and adjacent to the open countryside this should reduce the need to travel within the town. However, the site has limited access to the transport network at present. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 800m of the town centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE147)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site could not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is over 1,000m from Brough Park Fields (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered that development could have no effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site is very significantly and completely within Ladydale SBI. It has potential protected species present due to the intricate habitat mosaic present on the site and it is well connected to more biodiverse habitats and the wider countryside. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	The site has been assessed as being a greenfield site. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site could note result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE147)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site could not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, the site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 100m of three grade II listed assets, including the Lady O'Th'Dale on the southern edge of the site. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of these historical heritage assets and their setting. It should be noted that the site is within 400m of Leek Conservation Area which has been placed on the Heritage at Risk register by Historic England. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site could avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and could reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district. However, the increased population of both the town and District may have a positive effect. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural regeneration although its location adjacent to the open countryside could detract from this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
ECONOMIC			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE147)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with access to the town centre of Leek has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Leek and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this could be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 500m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, could provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 25 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as could the site's proximity existing areas of employment. Similarly, the site is accessible to services and facilities which is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site's proximity to designated and historic assets is likely to have a significant negative effect. Similarly, the development of greenfield land, grade 4 ALC is assessed as being a negative effect.			

Table 15.12

LE243

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE243)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion?	This site is within the settlement boundary of Leek, albeit on the northern edge. There is scope, due to the size of this site, that it could enable the enhancement of existing facilities and services within the town and also improve the social and environmental quality of the	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE243)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	neighbourhood. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the settlement boundary and is within 800m of the town centre and the wide range of key services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective residents of the site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site, on the edge of the settlement boundary, should provide residents with good access to the open countryside and adjacent to an area of open space should help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 800m of a GP surgery. However, it should be noted that the supply of health care services and facilities is currently adequate but is expected to be outstripped by future demand which may require additional investment through, for example, developer contributions. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development could include aspects of good design which could help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 70 dwellings, and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE243)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?		
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 800m of the town centre of Leek and a GP surgery and adjacent to the open countryside this should reduce the need to travel within the town. However, the site has limited access t at present, . Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 400m of the town centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site could not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE243)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is within 300m of Brough Park Fields (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered that development could have an effect on this asset, at least a short term disturbance of this habitat, if not long term. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site is considered to have low ecological importance overall, however as the site is adjacent to Ball Haye Green Disused Tip SBI, there is potential to support reptile populations within refugia to the north of the site. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	The site has been assessed as being a brownfield site, similarly it is classified as urban ALC land. As such, the development of this site could avoid the loss of best and most versatile agricultural land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	The development of this brownfield site could enable the re-use of existing buildings within the town centre. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development could incorporate sustainable materials. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 50m of one grade II listed asset. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE243)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site could avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and could reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district. However, the increased population of both the town and District may have a positive effect. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural regeneration although its location near to Brough Park Fields (LNR) could detract from this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with access to the town centre of Leek has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Leek and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this could be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 500m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, could provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects:			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE243)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
The proposed delivery of circa 70 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as could the site's proximity to existing areas of employment. Similarly, the site has good accessibility to services and facilities which is likely to have a positive effect, as could the development of urban ALC brownfield land. However, the site's proximity to historic assets could have a negative effect. The site's proximity to a Local Nature Reserve is also assessed as being a negative effect.			

Table 15.13

LE249

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE249)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	SOCIAL		
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	As the site is located within the town settlement boundary of Leek it could be considered that the redevelopment of this brownfield site could help to improve the social and environmental quality of the town centre. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the settlement boundary and is more than 2,000m away from the town centre which could result in existing services and facilities being inaccessible and the needs of prospective residents not being addressed. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles?	The location of this site, on the edge of the settlement boundary, should provide residents with good access to the open countryside and help	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE249)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	to support healthy lifestyles. However, the site is in excess of 1,200m of a GP surgery. However, it should be noted that the supply of health care services and facilities is currently adequate but is expected to be outstripped by future demand which may require additional investment through, for example, developer contributions. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development could include aspects of good design which could help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 35 dwellings, and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is further than 2,000m of the town centre of Leek, which could be expected to increase the need to travel within the town. However, it is adjacent to the open countryside. Similarly, the site is near to the A523 which has a number of bus stops and services serving it. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. Similarly, the site is more than 2,000m of the town centre and could increase the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE249)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	Part of the site is located within flood zone 3 and an area which highlights that communities are at risk from fluvial flooding as noted in the SFRA. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this objective.	--
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site borders Ladderedge Country Park (LNR), an area of unimproved grassland meadows which supports a variety of habitats and vegetation communities. It could be considered that development of this site could lead to short-term disturbances of this habitat and possibly long term also. This could therefore have an adverse effect on the District's Green Infrastructure network. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has very low biodiversity value overall, however as the site is adjacent to Ladderedge Country Park the site's edge habitats and hence the site as a whole are considered to have some ecological importance. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on brownfield land. However the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site could not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE249)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	The development of this brownfield site could enable the re-use of existing buildings within the town centre. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development could incorporate sustainable materials. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is close to, if not bordering, a grade II listed asset. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of this historical heritage assets and its setting. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site could avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and could reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district. However, the increased population of both the town and District may have a positive effect. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural regeneration although its location adjacent to Ladderedge Country Park (LNR) could detract from this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE249)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Leek and the wider District, however the Leek town centre is not easily accessible from the site which may reduce the effect on this objective. Overall, this has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this could be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 500m of existing areas of employment within the town or District, notably Barnfields Industrial Park, and, as such, could provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 35 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as could the site's proximity to existing areas of employment. However, the site is partially within flood zone 3 which is likely to have a significant negative effect, as could its proximity to historic assets. Similarly, the proximity a Local Nature Reserve is assessed as being negative effects, as could the inaccessibility of services and facilities.			

Table 15.14

LE259

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE259)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion?	This site is within the existing village boundary of Leek but not within the Draft New Town Boundary for Leek. There is scope, due to the size of this site, that it could enable the enhancement of existing	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE259)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	facilities and services within the town and also improve the social and environmental quality of the neighbourhood. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the settlement boundary and is within 800m of the town centre and the wide range of key services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective residents of the site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site, on the edge of the settlement boundary, should provide residents with good access to the open countryside and adjacent to an area of open space should help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 800m of a GP surgery. However, it should be noted that the supply of health care services and facilities is currently adequate but is expected to be outstripped by future demand which may require additional investment through, for example, developer contributions. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development could include aspects of good design which could help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 50 dwellings, and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE259)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?		
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 800m of the town centre of Leek and a GP surgery and adjacent to the open countryside this should reduce the need to travel within the town. However, the site is relatively inaccessible at present, although access could be provided through other allocated sites. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 400m of the town centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site could not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE259)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is within 100m of Brough Park Fields (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered that development could have an effect on this asset, at least a short term disturbance of this habitat, if not long term. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site could not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site could not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 50m of one grade II listed asset and 400m of a further three grade II listed assets and a scheduled monument. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness?	The site could avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and could reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE259)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district. However, the increased population of both the town and District may have a positive effect. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural regeneration although its location near to Brough Park Fields (LNR) could detract from this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with access to the town centre of Leek has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Leek and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this could be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 500m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, could provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects:			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE259)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
The proposed delivery of circa 50 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as could the site's proximity to services, facilities and existing areas of employment. However, the proximity to historic assets and a LNR are assessed as being significant negative effects. The development of greenfield land, grade 4 ALC land is assessed as being a negative effect.			

Table 15.15

15.1.1 Other uses

LE073

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE073)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	SOCIAL		
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	As the site is located within the town centre of Leek it could be considered that the redevelopment of this brownfield site could help to improve the social and environmental quality of the town centre. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	Given the town centre location of this site, it can be considered that the site would be in proximity to a wide range of key services and facilities. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The site is within 800m of a GP surgery and a number of areas of open space within the town. The development of this site for employment purposes should also have a positive effect on health. However, it should be noted that the supply of health care services and facilities is currently adequate but is expected to be outstripped by future demand which may require additional investment through, for example, developer contributions. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE073)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development could include aspects of good design which could help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	This site has been proposed for employment uses with regards to this assessment. Therefore the development would provide no housing. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 800m of the town centre of Leek and a GP surgery and adjacent to the open countryside which should reduce the need to travel within the town. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 400m of the town centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site could not be subject to risk from flooding. The	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE073)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is over 500m away from Brough Park Fields (LNR) and, as such, is considered to have no effect on this asset. The redevelopment of this site, a brownfield site, could be expected to have an effect on biodiversity in the short term, however there could be no long term effects. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	The site has been assessed as being a brownfield site, similarly it is classified as urban ALC land. As such, the development of this site could avoid the loss of best and most versatile agricultural land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	The development of this brownfield site could enable the re-use of existing buildings within the town centre. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development could incorporate sustainable materials. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural	The site is within 400m of one grade II* listed asset and 12 grade II listed assets. It could be considered that the development of this site could affect the setting of these assets. It should be noted that the site	-/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE073)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
archaeological assets along with their settings.	and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	is within 400m of Leek Conservation Area which has been placed on the Heritage at Risk register by Historic England. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site could avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and could reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be limited effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact upon the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	Given the proposed employment use of this site and its location, there is scope that the site could support opportunities for investment in culture and tourism and should have a positive effect on the local economy. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural regeneration. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of an employment site within the town centre has the scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Leek and the wider District, as new employment could be expected to increase footfall in the nearby town centre. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this objective.	++
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site and the proposed employment use of the site could be considered to have a positive effect on businesses and the residents of Leek as it could strengthen and diversify the economy. Overall, this has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE073)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 500m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, could provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents as well as new employment provision on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The development of new employment premises should have a significant positive effect upon the vitality and viability of the District, strengthen economic growth and support a higher level of employment within the District. Similarly, the accessibility of other services and facilities is likely to have a significant positive effect, as could the development of brownfield, urban ALC land. However, the proximity to historic assets and a Local Nature Reserve are assessed as being negative effects.			

Table 15.16

LE014 & LE015

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE014 & LE015)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	SOCIAL		
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	It can be considered that this site may have a positive effect on the District's GI network given the adjacent area of Open Space and the mixed brownfield and greenfield nature of the site at present. Overall, the site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender	The site could be in proximity to a number of key facilities and services located within Leek town centre which could provide for any prospective residents. Similar, the mixed use nature of the site may also provide	++

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE014 & LE015)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	new services and facilities on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The site is within 1,200m of a GP Surgery and adjacent to an area of open space. This should support healthy lifestyles and well-being for residents and support recreational activity and access to such facilities. However, it should be noted that the supply of health care services and facilities is currently adequate but is expected to be outstripped by future demand which may require additional investment through, for example, developer contributions. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development could include aspects of good design which could help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 30 dwellings, and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. It is acknowledged that the site is proposed as mixed use which may reduce the quantum of housing delivered by this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 800m of the town centre of Leek, within 1,200m of a GP surgery and adjacent to an area of open space this should reduce the need to travel within the town. Similarly, the site is located off of Newcastle Road which has a number of bus stops and services. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE014 & LE015)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 400m of the town centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site could not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is over 750m away from Ladderedge Country Park (LNR) and, as such, is considered to have no effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that although habitats on site are fairly species poor, there is a range of vegetation structure which could support reptile populations and provide habitat for foraging bats and owls and breeding birds. Biodiversity is likely to be accentuated by the adjacent similar habitat to the west and connective hedgerows; therefore the site is deemed to have ecological importance. As noted, the site is adjacent to an area of open space. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE014 & LE015)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being both brownfield and greenfield land. As such, the effect of development of this site against this objective would be mixed. Overall, the site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this objective.	0
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of a brownfield and greenfield, urban ALC site could have a mixed effect on this objective due to the loss of existing buildings but also the scope for use of sustainable materials. Overall, this objective has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	There are no heritage assets within 400m of the site. Although dependent on proposal specific information, there is limited scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. It should be noted that the site is within 400m of Leek Conservation Area which has been placed on the Heritage at Risk register by Historic England. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site could avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and could reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be limited effects on the landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact upon the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE014 & LE015)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	Given the proposed employment use of this site and its location, there is scope that the site could support opportunities for investment in culture and tourism and should have a positive effect on the local economy. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural regeneration. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of an employment site within the town centre has the scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Leek and the wider District, as new employment could be expected to increase footfall in the nearby town centre. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this objective.	++
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site and the proposed employment use of the site could be considered to have a positive effect on businesses and the residents of Leek as it could strengthen and diversify the economy. Overall, this has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 500m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, could provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents as well as new employment provision on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The development of new employment premises should have a significant positive effect upon the vitality and viability of the District, strengthen economic growth and support a higher level of employment within the District. Similarly, the accessibility of other services and facilities is likely to have a significant positive effect, as could the proposed delivery of circa 30 dwellings.			

Table 15.17

LE067

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE067)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	As the site is located on the edge of the town centre of Leek it could be considered that the redevelopment of this mixed brownfield and greenfield site could help to improve the social and environmental quality of the town centre. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	Regardless of the edge of town centre location of this site, it can be considered that the site would be in relatively proximity to a wide range of key services and facilities. It should be noted that the site is in proximity to Leek High Specialist Technology School and Leek First School. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The site is within 800m of a GP surgery and a number of areas of open space within the town. The mixed use development of this should also have a positive effect on health, as could the nearby open space area to the east of the site. However, it should be noted that the supply of health care services and facilities is currently adequate but is expected to be outstripped by future demand which may require additional investment through, for example, developer contributions. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE067)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development could include aspects of good design which could help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 30 dwellings, and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. It is acknowledged that the site is proposed as mixed use which may reduce the quantum of housing delivered by this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	The town centre location of this site means that it is within 500m of a number of bus stops as well as a range of other services and facilities. It could be considered that The site could have a positive effect on walking and cycling given the proximity of open space to the site. Overall, the site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 800m of the town centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE067)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site could not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is over 750m away from Brough Park Fields (LNR) and, as such, is considered to have no effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has mostly low biodiversity value overall, though as there is 1 building present on site that could potentially support roosting bats the site is afforded ecological importance. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being both brownfield and greenfield land. As such, the effect of development of this site against this objective would be mixed. Overall, the site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this objective.	0
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of a brownfield and greenfield site could have a mixed effect on this objective due to the loss of existing buildings but also the scope for use of sustainable materials. Overall, this objective has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE067)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m of one grade II* listed asset and seven grade II listed assets. It is considered that the development of this site could affect the setting of these assets. It should be noted that the site is within 400m of Leek Conservation Area which has been placed on the Heritage at Risk register by Historic England. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective with scope, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site could avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and could reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be limited effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact upon the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	Given the proposed employment use of this site and its location, there is scope that the site could support opportunities for investment in culture and tourism and should have a positive effect on the local economy. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural regeneration. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of an employment site within the town centre has the scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Leek and the wider District, as new employment could be expected to increase footfall in the nearby town centre. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this objective.	++
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site and the proposed employment use of the site could be considered to have a positive effect on businesses and the residents of Leek as it could strengthen and diversify the economy. Overall, this has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE067)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 500m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, could provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents as well as new employment provision on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects:			

Table 15.18

LE080, LE085, LE086 & LE252

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE080, LE085, LE086 & LE252)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	SOCIAL		
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	As the site is located within the town centre of Leek it could be considered that the redevelopment of this brownfield and greenfield site could help to improve the social and environmental quality of the town centre, especially given the mixed use nature of proposed development. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender	Given the town centre location of this site, it can be considered that the site would be in proximity to a wide range of key services and facilities. It should be noted that the site is in proximity to Leek First	++

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE080, LE085, LE086 & LE252)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	School. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The site is within 800m of a GP surgery, however there is limited access to nearby areas of open space within the town. The development of this site for both employment and residential purposes should also have a positive effect on health. However, it should be noted that the supply of health care services and facilities is currently adequate but is expected to be outstripped by future demand which may require additional investment through, for example, developer contributions. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development could include aspects of good design which could help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 25 dwellings and could not contribute to the housing need of the District. It is acknowledged that the site is proposed as mixed use which may reduce the quantum of housing delivered by this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	The town centre location of this site means that it is within 500m of a number of bus stops as well as a range of other services and facilities. As noted previously, it does have good access to a wide range of services and facilities within the town centre. Overall, the site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE080, LE085, LE086 & LE252)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 800m of the town centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site could not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is over 500m away from Brough Park Fields (LNR) and, as such, is considered to have no effect on this asset. The redevelopment of the brownfield aspect of site could be expected to have an effect on biodiversity in the short term, however there could be no long term effects. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has mostly low biodiversity value overall with the main interest focused on the potential for the 6 buildings to support roosting bats, therefore the site is given ecological importance. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed	-/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE080, LE085, LE086 & LE252)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
		as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being both brownfield and greenfield land, similarly it is urban ALC. As such, the effect of development of this site against this objective would be mixed. Overall, the site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this objective.	0
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of a brownfield and greenfield site could have a mixed effect on this objective due to the loss of existing buildings but also the scope for use of sustainable materials. Overall, this objective has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	This site includes two grade II listed buildings, London Mill and Cross Street Mills. Although dependent on specific proposal information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of cultural and historic heritage assets and their settings. It should be noted that the site is within 400m of Leek Conservation Area which has been placed on the Heritage at Risk register by Historic England. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site could avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and could reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be limited effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact upon the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE080, LE085, LE086 & LE252)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	Given the proposed employment use of this site and its location, there is scope that the site could support opportunities for investment in culture and tourism and should have a positive effect on the local economy. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural regeneration. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of an employment site within the town centre has the scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Leek and the wider District, as new employment could be expected to increase footfall in the nearby town centre. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this objective.	++
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site and the proposed employment use of the site could be considered to have a positive effect on businesses and the residents of Leek as it could strengthen and diversify the economy. Overall, this has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 500m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, could provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents as well as new employment provision on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The development of new employment premises should have a significant positive effect upon the vitality and viability of the District, strengthen economic growth and support a higher level of employment within the District. Similarly, the accessibility of other services and facilities is likely to have a significant positive effect, as could the proposed delivery of circa 25 dwellings. However, the site includes two listed buildings which is likely to have a significant negative effect. The proximity of the site to a Local Nature Reserve which is likely to have a negative effect.			

Table 15.19

LE116

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE116)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	As the site is located on the edge of the town centre of Leek it could be considered that the redevelopment of this brownfield site could help to improve the social and environmental quality of the town centre. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	Given the edge of town centre location of this site, it can be considered that the site would be in relatively proximity to a wide range of key services and facilities. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The site is within 800m of a GP surgery, however there is limited access to nearby areas of open space within the town. The development of this site for both employment and residential purposes should also have a positive effect on health. However, it should be noted that the supply of health care services and facilities is currently adequate but is expected to be outstripped by future demand which may require additional investment through, for example, developer contributions. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE116)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development could include aspects of good design which could help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 21 dwellings, and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. It is acknowledged that the site is proposed as mixed use which may reduce the quantum of housing delivered by this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	The town centre location of this site means that it is within 500m of a number of bus stops as well as a range of other services and facilities. As noted previously, it does have good access to a wide range of services and facilities within the town centre. Overall, the site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 400m of the town centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site could not be subject to risk from flooding. The	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE116)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is over 750m away from Brough Park Fields (LNR) and, as such, is considered to have no effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has mostly low biodiversity value overall and is set within an urban environment which only has scattered trees as a habitat with no connectivity to the wider countryside which lowers the biodiversity potential of the area considerably. However, the presence of two buildings and two trees with potential to support roosting bats warrants the site being attributed ecological importance. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	The site has been assessed as being a brownfield site, similarly it is classified as urban ALC land. As such, the development of this site could avoid the loss of best and most versatile agricultural land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	The development of this brownfield site could enable the re-use of existing buildings within the town centre. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development could incorporate sustainable materials. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE116)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m of three scheduled ancient monuments, one grade I listed asset, one grade II* listed asset and seventy seven grade II listed assets. It is considered that the development of this site could affect the setting of these assets. It should be noted that the site is within 400m of Leek Conservation Area which has been placed on the Heritage at Risk register by Historic England. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site could avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and could reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be limited effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact upon the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	Given the proposed employment use of this site and its location, there is scope that the site could support opportunities for investment in culture and tourism and should have a positive effect on the local economy. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural regeneration. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of an employment site within the town centre has the scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Leek and the wider District, as new employment could be expected to increase footfall in the nearby town centre. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this objective.	++
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site and the proposed employment use of the site could be considered to have a positive effect on businesses and the residents of Leek as it could strengthen and diversify the economy. Overall, this has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE116)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 500m of existing areas of employment within the town or District, notably Barnfields Industrial Estate, and, as such, could provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents as well as new employment provision on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The development of new employment premises should have a significant positive effect upon the vitality and viability of the District, strengthen economic growth and support a higher level of employment within the District. Similarly, the accessibility of other services and facilities is likely to have a significant positive effect, as could the proposed delivery of circa 21 dwellings and development of brownfield, urban ALC land. However, the site is in proximity to historic assets and a Local Nature Reserve which is likely to have a negative effect, as could the ecological value of the site.			

Table 15.20

LE150

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE150)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	SOCIAL		
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The site is located on the edge of the town boundary in the southern side of Leek along the A520. It is considered that given the size of the site, there is scope that, through developer contributions, development of the site could lead to an enhancement of existing, and possibly new, facilities and services. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by	The out of town location of this site means that the key services and facilities could be more than 800m away from the site. However, there	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE150)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	is scope that, due to the size of The site, some services and facilities may be provided on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The site is within 1,200m of a GP surgery has good access to open space and is adjacent to woodland and the open countryside. This is expected to support healthy lifestyles within the District and especially for those residents and workers on the site. However, it should be noted that the supply of health care services and facilities is currently adequate but is expected to be outstripped by future demand which may require additional investment through, for example, developer contributions. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development could include aspects of good design which could help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 120 dwellings, and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. It is acknowledged that the site is proposed as mixed use which may reduce the quantum of housing delivered by this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	The out of town centre location of this site means that access to sustainable forms of transport are limited, however there are bus stops nearby on the A520. The site is in proximity to a public right of way to the east of the site which should encourage walking and cycling within the District by workers and residents of the site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE150)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	ENVIRONMENTAL		
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 800m of the town centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site could not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is over 1,250m from Ladderedge County Park (LNR) and, as such, is considered to have no effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has mostly low biodiversity value overall in terms of area but has had badger field signs recorded in one area, and is adjacent to a large area of semi-natural broadleaved woodland, Ladydale SBI and rough grassland to the south. Therefore the site is given ecological value as the site abuts Ladydale SBI / Ballington Wood. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE150)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	The site could result in the loss of greenfield land through development of the site. Similarly, the land is classified as grade 3 ALC land so it could result in the loss of the best and most versatile agricultural land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	Whilst this site could not result in the re-use of existing buildings, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials but also increase demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect upon this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m of five grade II listed assets. Development of the site has the scope to lead to the deterioration of these assets, although this is uncertain until proposal specific information is available. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site could avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and could reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, the greenfield nature of the site and how it borders natural woodland and open country side on its west side, there is scope that development of this site could have an adverse effect on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact upon the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE150)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	Given the proposed employment use of this site and its location, there is scope that the site could support opportunities for investment in culture and tourism and should have a positive effect on the local economy. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural regeneration. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The scale of development proposed by this site, circa 120 dwellings on a mixed use site, has the scope to significantly enhance the vitality and viability of the District's towns, notably Leek. This should also help to safeguard and improve shops and services. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect upon this Objective.	++
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	As noted previously, given the scale of this site the scale of economic development through construction and also employment uses thereafter have the scope to encourage investment in businesses, people and infrastructure (through developer contributions) which could be expected to have a significant positive impact upon the local economy. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 500m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, could provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents as well as new employment provision on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The development of new employment premises should have a significant positive effect upon the vitality and viability of the District, strengthen economic growth and support a higher level of employment within the District. Similarly, the proposed delivery of circa 120 is likely to have a significant positive effect. However, the development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land is likely to have a significant negative effect. The site's proximity to historic assets and ecological value is likely to have a significant negative effect.			

Table 15.21

LE219

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE219)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	SOCIAL		
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	As the site is located on the edge of the town centre of Leek it could be considered that the redevelopment of this mixed brownfield site could help to improve the social and environmental quality of the town centre. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	Given the edge of town centre location of this site, it can be considered that the site would be in relatively proximity to a wide range of key services and facilities. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The site is within 800m of a GP surgery and a number of areas of open space within the town. The mixed use development of this should also have a positive effect on health, as would the nearby open space area to the east of the site. However, it should be noted that the supply of health care services and facilities is currently adequate but is expected to be outstripped by future demand which may require additional investment through, for example, developer contributions. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development could include aspects of good design which could help	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE219)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
		to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 10 dwellings and could not contribute to the housing need of the District. It is acknowledged that the site is proposed as mixed use which may reduce the quantum of housing delivered by this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	The town centre location of this site means that it is within 500m of a number of bus stops as well as a range of other services and facilities. It could be considered that The site could have a positive effect on walking and cycling given the proximity of open space to the site. Overall, the site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 400m of the town centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site could not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE219)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is over 500m away from Brough Park Fields (LNR) and, as such, is considered to have no effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has very low biodiversity value overall with extremely poor connectivity to the wider countryside, is set within an urban environment and only has one tree and species poor amenity grassland with no connectivity to the wider countryside. However, the tree and building have some potential to support roosting bats therefore the site is attributed ecological importance. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	The site has been assessed as being a brownfield site, similarly it is classified as urban ALC land. As such, the development of this site could avoid the loss of best and most versatile agricultural land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	The development of this brownfield site could enable the re-use of existing buildings within the town centre. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development could incorporate sustainable materials. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural	The site is within 400m of one grade II* listed asset and 10 grade II listed assets. It is considered that the development of this site could affect the setting of these assets. It should be noted that the site is	-/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE219)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
archaeological assets along with their settings.	and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? ● Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	within 400m of Leek Conservation Area which has been placed on the Heritage at Risk register by Historic England. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	● Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? ● Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? ● Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site could avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and could reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be limited effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact upon the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	● Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? ● Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	Given the proposed employment use of this site and its location, there is scope that the site could support opportunities for investment in culture and tourism and should have a positive effect on the local economy. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural regeneration. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	● Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? ● Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of an employment site within the town centre has the scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Leek and the wider District, as new employment could be expected to increase footfall in the nearby town centre. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this objective.	++
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	● Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? ● Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site and the proposed employment use of the site could be considered to have a positive effect on businesses and the residents of Leek as it could strengthen and diversify the economy. Overall, this has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE219)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 500m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, could provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents as well as new employment provision on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The development of new employment premises should have a significant positive effect upon the vitality and viability of the District, strengthen economic growth and support a higher level of employment within the District. Similarly, the development of brownfield, urban ALC land is likely to have a significant positive effect. However, the site's proximity to historic assets and some ecological importance is likely to have a negative effect.			

Table 15.22

LE220

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE220)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	SOCIAL		
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	As the site is located on the edge of the town centre of Leek it could be considered that the redevelopment of this brownfield site could help to improve the social and environmental quality of the town centre. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership,	Given the edge of town centre location of this site, the site would be in relatively proximity to a wide range of key services and facilities. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE220)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? ● Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.		
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	● Help improve health or access to health facilities? ● Help promote healthy lifestyles? ● Help to reduce health inequalities? ● Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The site is within 800m of a GP surgery, however there is limited access to nearby areas of open space within the town. The development of this site for both employment and residential purposes should also have a positive effect on health. However, it should be noted that the supply of health care services and facilities is currently adequate but is expected to be outstripped by future demand which may require additional investment through, for example, developer contributions. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	● Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? ● Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development could include aspects of good design which could help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	● Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? ● Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? ● Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 10 dwellings and could not significantly contribute to housing need in the District. It is acknowledged that the site is proposed as mixed use which may reduce the quantum of housing delivered by this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	● Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? ● Support the use of public transport? ● Support safe walking and cycling? ● Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	The town centre location of this site means that it is within 500m of a number of bus stops as well as a range of other services and facilities. As noted previously, it does have good access to a wide range of services and facilities within the town centre. Overall, the site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE220)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 400m of the town centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site could not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is within 500m Brough Park Fields (LNR) and, as such, there is scope that this site could have an effect upon its setting, albeit limited. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has very low biodiversity value overall with extremely poor connectivity to the wider countryside and is set within an urban environment with no vegetative habitats present on site. The site is however afforded ecological importance due to potential for the building to support roosting bats. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land?	The site has been assessed as being a brownfield site, similarly it is classified as urban ALC land. As such, the development of this site	++

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE220)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	could avoid the loss of best and most versatile agricultural land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	The development of this brownfield site could enable the re-use of existing buildings within the town centre. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development could incorporate sustainable materials. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 50m of two grade II listed assets and within 400m of four scheduled ancient monuments, The site is in proximity to a number of listed buildings including one grade II* listed building and fifty four grade II listed buildings. The Big Mill and the Front Boundary Wall of The Big. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the historical heritage assets and its setting. It should be noted that the site is within 400m of Leek Conservation Area which has been placed on the Heritage at Risk register by Historic England. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site could avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and could reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be limited effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact upon the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE220)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	Given the proposed employment use of this site and its location, there is scope that the site could support opportunities for investment in culture and tourism and should have a positive effect on the local economy. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural regeneration. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of an employment site within the town centre has the scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Leek and the wider District, as new employment could be expected to increase footfall in the nearby town centre. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this objective.	++
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site and the proposed employment use of the site could be considered to have a positive effect on businesses and the residents of Leek as it could strengthen and diversify the economy. Overall, this has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 500m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, could provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents as well as new employment provision on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The development of new employment premises should have a significant positive effect upon the vitality and viability of the District, strengthen economic growth and support a higher level of employment within the District. Similarly, the site has good accessibility to services and facilities and the development of brownfield, urban ALC land is likely to have a significant positive effect. However, the site's proximity to historic assets is likely to have a significant negative effect. The site's proximity to ecological importance is likely to have a negative effect.			

Table 15.23

LE235 (Cornhill)

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (Corhhill)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	SOCIAL		
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	As the site is located on the edge of the town centre of Leek it could be considered that the redevelopment of this brownfield site could help to improve the social and environmental quality of the town centre. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The out of town location of this site means that the key services and facilities could be more than 800m away from the site. However, there is scope that, due to the size of the site, some services and facilities may be provided on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The site is within 1,200m of a GP Surgery and adjacent to an area of open space. This should support healthy lifestyles and well-being for residents and support recreational activity and access to such facilities. However, it should be noted that the supply of health care services and facilities is currently adequate but is expected to be outstripped by future demand which may require additional investment through, for example, developer contributions. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development could include aspects of good design which could help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (Corhhill)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the Cornhill Concept Plan within the Churnet Valley Masterplan SPD, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 244 dwellings and could not significantly contribute to housing need in the District. It is acknowledged that the site is proposed as mixed use which may reduce the quantum of housing delivered by this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	Given the edge of town location of this site, it is within 500m of a number of bus stops as well as a range of other services and facilities. As noted previously, it does have good access to a wide range of services and facilities within the town centre. Overall, the site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	++
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 1,200m of the town centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs?	Part of the site is located within flood zone 3 and an area which highlights that communities are at risk from fluvial flooding as noted in the SFRA. The development of this could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this objective.	--

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (Corhhill)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?		
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is within 250m from Ladderedge Country Park (LNR) and, as such, there is scope that this site could have an effect upon its setting. This site has not been subject to an ecology survey, so the exact effects are uncertain. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on brownfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site could not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	The development of this brownfield site could enable the re-use of existing buildings within the town centre. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development could incorporate sustainable materials. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and	The site is within 50m from one grade II listed asset and within 400m from six grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of these historical heritage assets and their setting. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (Corhhill)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?		
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site could within 250m from Ladderedge Country Park (LNR) and could increase external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact upon the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	-
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	Given the proposed employment use of this site and its location, there is scope that the site could support opportunities for investment in culture and tourism and should have a positive effect on the local economy. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural regeneration. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a mixed use site on the edge of the town centre has the scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Leek and the wider District, as new employment and residents could be expected to increase footfall in the nearby town centre. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	++
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site and the proposed mixed use of the site could be considered to have a positive effect on businesses and the residents of Leek as it could strengthen and diversify the economy. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	++
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels?	The site is within 500m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, could provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents as well as new	++

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (Corhhill)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	employment provision on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The development of new employment premises should have a significant positive effect upon the vitality and viability of the District, strengthen economic growth and support a higher level of employment within the District. Similarly, the proposed delivery of circa 244 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. The site's accessibility to services, facilities and open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site's partial location within a flood zone is likely to have a significant negative effect, as could its proximity to designated and historic assets.			

Table 15.24

15.1.2 Sites outside current development boundary

LE066

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE066)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	SOCIAL		
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The site is outside of the settlement boundary of Leek and separate from the town of Leek when considered independently, however other there could be linkages through other allocated sites. The development of this site, a mixed brownfield and greenfield site that is set within the open countryside could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	As noted, the site is outside of the settlement boundary of Leek and is remote from the town. The site would be within 800m of a wide range of services and facilities but not within 400m of the town centre of Leek. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site, outside the edge of the settlement boundary, should provide residents with good access to the open countryside and adjacent to an area of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 1,200m of a GP surgery. However, it should be noted that the supply of health care services and facilities is currently adequate but is expected to be outstripped by future demand which may require additional investment through,	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE066)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
		for example, developer contributions. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development could include aspects of good design which could help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 50 dwellings, and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 800m of the town centre of Leek and 1,200m of a GP surgery and within the open countryside which should reduce the need to travel within the town as the site is within 500m of a bus stop. However, the site has limited access to the transport network at present. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 800m of the town centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE066)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site could not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is more than 1,250m from Brough Park Fields (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered that development could have no effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site consists mainly of common habitats, mixed planted woodland, buildings, amenity grassland and associated gardens, allotments and amenity grassland and the site is fairly isolated with little connectivity to the wider countryside, apart from being located 20m away from LE140. The woodland and habitat mosaic as well as the buildings that could potentially support roosting bats and therefore the whole site has been attributed some ecological value. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on mixed greenfield and greenfield land. However the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site could not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation?	The development of this mixed greenfield and brownfield site could enable the re-use of existing buildings within the town centre.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE066)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development could incorporate sustainable materials. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and undesignated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is more than 400m from a listed asset, the nearest asset is circa 450m away from the site to the north west. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is limited scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site could avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and could reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district. However, the increased population of both the town and District may have a positive effect. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural regeneration although its location adjacent to the open countryside could detract from this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with access to the town centre of Leek has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Leek and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE066)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this could be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,000m to existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, could fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 50 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site is located away from designated heritage assets and has good accessibility to services and facilities which is likely to have a positive effect. However, the ecological value of the site is likely to have a negative effect as well as the inaccessibility of existing areas of employment.			

Table 15.25

LE069

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE069)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE069)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The site is outside of the settlement boundary of Leek and separate from the town of Leek when considered independently, however other there could be linkages through other allocated sites. The development of this site, a mixed brownfield and greenfield site that is set within the open countryside could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	As noted, the site is outside of the settlement boundary of Leek. The site would be within 1,200m of a wide range of services and facilities but not within 400m of the town centre of Leek. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site, outside the edge of the settlement boundary, should provide residents with good access to the open countryside and adjacent to an area of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 1,200m of a GP surgery. However, it should be noted that the supply of health care services and facilities is currently adequate but is expected to be outstripped by future demand which may require additional investment through, for example, developer contributions. It should be noted that the site is in proximity to Leek Moorlands Hospital. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development could include aspects of good design which could help	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE069)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
		to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 42 dwellings, and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 1,200m of the town centre of Leek and a GP surgery and within the open countryside which should reduce the need to travel within the town as the site is within 500m of a bus stop. However, the site has limited access to the transport network at present. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. Similarly, the site is more than 1,200m of the town centre and could increase the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site could not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE069)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is more than 1,250m from Brough Park Fields (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered that development could have no effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site is considered to have low overall ecological importance, with low potential to support protected species apart from roosting bats, with poor connectivity to more biodiverse habitats. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on mixed greenfield and brownfield land. However the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site could not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	The development of this mixed greenfield and brownfield site could enable the re-use of existing buildings within the town centre. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development could incorporate sustainable materials. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural	The site is within 400m of four grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical	-/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE069)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
archaeological assets along with their settings.	and historic heritage assets (designated and undesignated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site could avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and could reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district. However, the increased population of both the town and District may have a positive effect. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural regeneration although its location adjacent to the open countryside could detract from this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with access to the town centre of Leek has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Leek and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this could be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE069)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,000m to existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, could fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 42 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site has low ecological value and has good accessibility to services and facilities which is likely to have a positive effect. However, the proximity of the site to historic assets is likely to have a negative effect as well as the inaccessibility of existing areas of employment.			

Table 15.26

LE102

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE102)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	SOCIAL		
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The site is borders the settlement boundary of Leek. The development of this site, a greenfield site that is set within the open countryside could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by	As noted, the site borders the settlement boundary of Leek. The site is more than 1,200m away from the town centre which could result in	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE102)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	existing services and facilities being inaccessible. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site, on the border of the settlement boundary, should provide residents with good access to the open countryside and help to support healthy lifestyles. However, the site is in excess of 1,200m of a GP surgery. However, it should be noted that the supply of health care services and facilities is currently adequate but is expected to be outstripped by future demand which may require additional investment through, for example, developer contributions. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development could include aspects of good design which could help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 20 dwellings, and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is further than 1,200m of the town centre of Leek, which could be expected to increase the need to travel within the town. However, it is adjacent to the open countryside. Similarly, the site is near to the A523 which has a number of bus stops and services serving it. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE102)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. Similarly, the site is more than 1,200m of the town centre and could increase the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site could not be subject to risk from flooding. However, the SFRA indicates that it is in an area which suggests communities may be at risk from fluvial flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is more than 750m from Brough Park Fields (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered that development could have no effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site itself has mostly low biodiversity value overall in terms of area as it consists solely of species poor improved grassland with adjacent semi-natural broadleaved woodland. The site is considered to have ecological importance due to the presence of tree with bat roosting potential and the adjacent broadleaved woodland. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE102)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. Similarly, the land has also been assessed as grade 3 ALC land, so development of this site could result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site could not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and undesignated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is adjacent to one grade II listed asset. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of this historical heritage asset and its setting. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site could avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and could reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE102)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district. However, the increased population of both the town and District may have a positive effect. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural regeneration although its location adjacent to the open countryside could detract from this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Leek and the wider District, however the Leek town centre is not easily accessible from the site which may reduce the effect on this objective. Overall, this has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this could be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,000m to existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, could fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 20 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. However, the development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land could have a significant negative effect, as could the site's proximity to historic assets. Similarly, the site is relatively inaccessible to services, facilities and areas of existing employment, has some ecological value which is likely to have a negative effect.			

Table 15.27

LE103

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE103)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	SOCIAL		
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The site is borders the settlement boundary of Leek. The development of this site, a greenfield site that is set within the open countryside could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	As noted, the site borders the settlement boundary of Leek. The site is more than 1,200m away from the town centre which could result in existing services and facilities being inaccessible. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	-
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site, on the border of the settlement boundary, should provide residents with good access to the open countryside and help to support healthy lifestyles. However, the site is in excess of 1,200m of a GP surgery. However, it should be noted that the supply of health care services and facilities is currently adequate but is expected to be outstripped by future demand which may require additional investment through, for example, developer contributions. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE103)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development could include aspects of good design which could help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 20 dwellings, and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is further than 1,200m of the town centre of Leek, which could be expected to increase the need to travel within the town. However, it is adjacent to the open countryside. Similarly, the site is near to the A523 which has a number of bus stops and services serving it. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. Similarly, the site is more than 1,200m of the town centre and could increase the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk?	The site is located within flood zones 2 and 3 and it can be considered that the site would be subject to risk from flooding. The development	--

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	• Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this objective.	
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is more than 750m from Brough Park Fields (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered that development could have no effect on this asset. This site has not been subject to an ecology survey, so the exact effects are uncertain. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. Similarly, the land has also been assessed as grade 3 ALC land, so development of this site could result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site could not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural	The site is within 400m of four grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical	-/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE103)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
archaeological assets along with their settings.	and historic heritage assets (designated and undesignated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site could avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and could reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district. However, the increased population of both the town and District may have a positive effect. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural regeneration although its location adjacent to the open countryside could detract from this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Leek and the wider District, however the Leek town centre is not easily accessible from the site which may reduce the effect on this objective. Overall, this has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this could be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE103)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,000m to existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, could fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 20 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. However, the development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land would have a significant negative effect. Similarly, the site is relatively inaccessible to services, facilities and areas of existing employment and is adjacent to a listed building all of which is likely to have a negative effect. The site's location within flood zones 2 and 3 is also a significant negative effect.			

Table 15.28

LE127

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (LE127)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	SOCIAL		
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The site is outside of the settlement boundary of Leek and separate from the town of Leek when considered independently, however other there could be linkages through other allocated sites. The development of this site, a greenfield site that is set within the open countryside, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership,	As noted, the site is outside of the settlement boundary of Leek. The site would be within 1,200m of a wide range of services and facilities but not within 400m of the town centre of Leek. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (LE127)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.		
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site, outside the edge of the settlement boundary, should provide residents with good access to the open countryside and adjacent to an area of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 1,200m of a GP surgery. However, it should be noted that the supply of health care services and facilities is currently adequate but is expected to be outstripped by future demand which may require additional investment through, for example, developer contributions. It should be noted that the site is in proximity to Leek Moorlands Hospital. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development could include aspects of good design which could help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 100 dwellings, and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 1,200m of the town centre of Leek and a GP surgery and within the open countryside which should reduce the need to travel within the town as the site is within 500m of a bus stop. However, the site has limited access to the transport network at present. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (LE127)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 800m of the town centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site could not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is more than 1,250m from Brough Park Fields (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered that development could have no effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site itself has very low biodiversity value overall in terms of area as it consists of species poor improved grassland, one small area of scattered scrub with one species poor hedgerow. Therefore the site is considered to have low ecological value. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (LE127)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	development of this site could not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site could not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and undesignated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m of five grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site could avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and could reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district. However, the increased population of both the town and District may have a positive effect. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural	0

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		regeneration although its location adjacent to the open countryside could detract from this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with access to the town centre of Leek has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Leek and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this could be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,000m to existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, could fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 100 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site has low ecological value and has good accessibility to services and facilities which is likely to have a positive effect. However, the development of mixed greenfield and brownfield, grade 4 ALC land and the proximity of the site to historic assets is likely to have a negative effect as well as the inaccessibility of existing areas of employment.			

Table 15.29

LE128

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE128) ...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE128) ...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The site is outside of the settlement boundary of Leek. The development of this site, a greenfield site that is set within the open countryside could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	As noted, the site is outside of the settlement boundary of Leek. The site would be within 800m of a wide range of services and facilities but not within 400m of the town centre of Leek. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site, outside the edge of the settlement boundary, should provide residents with good access to the open countryside and adjacent to an area of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 1,200m of a GP surgery. However, it should be noted that the supply of health care services and facilities is currently adequate but is expected to be outstripped by future demand which may require additional investment through, for example, developer contributions. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development could include aspects of good design which could help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 95 dwellings, and therefore also	++

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE128) ...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 800m of the town centre of Leek and 1,200m of a GP surgery and within the open countryside which should reduce the need to travel within the town as the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 800m of the town centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site could not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE128) ...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? ● Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?		
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	● Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? ● Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? ● Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is more than 1,250m from Brough Park Fields (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered that development could have no effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site itself has mostly low biodiversity value overall in terms of area as it consists solely of species poor improved grassland with one species poor hedgerow. Therefore the site has been deemed to have low ecological importance. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	● Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? ● Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? ● Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? ● Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? ● Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site could not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	● Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? ● Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? ● Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site could not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	● Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and undesignated assets) along with their settings? ● Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns	The site is within 400m of two grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE128) ...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?		
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site could avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and could reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district. However, the increased population of both the town and District may have a positive effect. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural regeneration although its location adjacent to the open countryside could detract from this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with access to the town centre of Leek has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Leek and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this could be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels?	The site is over 1,000m to existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, could fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE128) ...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?		
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 95 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site has low ecological value and good accessibility to services and facilities which is likely to have a positive effect. However, the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land and the proximity of the site to historic assets is likely to have a negative effect as well as the inaccessibility of existing areas of employment.			

Table 15.30

LE140

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (LE140)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The site is outside of the settlement boundary of Leek. The development of this site, a greenfield site that is set within the open countryside could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	As noted, the site is outside of the settlement boundary of Leek. The site would be within 800m of a wide range of services and facilities but not within 400m of the town centre of Leek. For example, the site is in proximity to Leek High Specialist Technology School. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (LE140)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site, outside the edge of the settlement boundary, should provide residents with good access to the open country side and adjacent to an area of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 1,200m of a GP surgery. However, it should be noted that the supply of health care services and facilities is currently adequate but is expected to be outstripped by future demand which may require additional investment through, for example, developer contributions. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development could include aspects of good design which could help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 95 dwellings, and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 800m of the town centre of Leek and 1,200m of a GP surgery and within the open countryside which should reduce the need to travel within the town. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However, the site is within 800m of the town centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (LE140)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?		
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site could not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is more than 1,000m from Brough Park Fields (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered that development could have no effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site itself has mostly low biodiversity value overall in terms of area as it consists solely of species poor improved grassland with one species poor hedgerow. Therefore the site has been deemed to have low ecological importance. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site could not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (LE140)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?		
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site could not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and undesignated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m of three grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site could avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and could reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider District. Similarly, the increased population of both the town and the District may have a positive effect also. The site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area of sustainable tourism and rural regeneration although its location adjacent to the open countryside could detract from this. Overall, the site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (LE140)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with access to the town centre of Leek has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Leek and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase football. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this could be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, the site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 1,000m of existing areas of employment within the town and, as such, could provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 95 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site has low ecological value and good accessibility to services, facilities and areas of employment which is likely to have a positive effect. However, the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land and the proximity of the site to historic assets is likely to have a negative effect.			

Table 15.31

LE142A

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (LE142A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (LE142A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The site is outside of the settlement boundary of Leek. The development of this site, a greenfield site that is set within the open countryside could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	As noted, the site is outside of the settlement boundary of Leek. The site would be within 800m of a wide range of services and facilities but not within 400m of the town centre of Leek. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site, outside the edge of the settlement boundary, should provide residents with good access to the open country side which should help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 1,200m of a GP surgery. However, it should be noted that the supply of health care services and facilities is currently adequate but is expected to be outstripped by future demand which may require additional investment through, for example, developer contributions. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development could include aspects of good design which could help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 140 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this	++

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (LE142A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 800m of the town centre of Leek and 1,200m of a GP surgery and within the open countryside which should reduce the need to travel within the town. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However, the site is within 800m of the town centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site could not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (LE142A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is more than 1,000m from Brough Park Fields (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered that development could have no effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site itself has 12 trees with bat potential and is given ecological value as a result, though the site and its species poor grassland is poorly connected to other more biodiverse habitats. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site could not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site could not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and undesignated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m of three grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (LE142A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site could avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and could reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider District. Similarly, the increased population of both the town and the District may have a positive effect also. The site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area of sustainable tourism and rural regeneration although its location adjacent to the open countryside could detract from this. Overall, the site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with access to the town centre of Leek has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Leek and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase football. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this could be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, the site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 1,000m of existing areas of employment within the town and, as such, could provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects:			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (LE142A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
The proposed delivery of circa 140 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site good accessibility to services, facilities and areas of employment which is likely to have a positive effect. However, the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land, the ecological value of the site and the proximity to historic assets is likely to have a negative effect.			

Table 15.32

LE142B

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (LE142B)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The site is outside of the settlement boundary of Leek. The development of this site, a greenfield site that is set within the open countryside could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	As noted, the site is outside of the settlement boundary of Leek and is remote from the town. The site would be within 800m of a wide range of services and facilities but not within 400m of the town centre of Leek. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles?	The location of this site, outside the edge of the settlement boundary, should provide residents with good access to the open country side	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (LE142B)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	which should help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 1,200m of a GP surgery. However, it should be noted that the supply of health care services and facilities is currently adequate but is expected to be outstripped by future demand which may require additional investment through, for example, developer contributions. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development could include aspects of good design which could help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 40 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 800m of the town centre of Leek and 1,200m of a GP surgery and within the open countryside which should reduce the need to travel within the town. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However, the site is within 800m of the town centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (LE142B)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?		
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site could not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is more than 1,000m from Brough Park Fields (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered that development could have no effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site contains fairly species poor habitats and is poorly connected to other more biodiverse habitats. However, as polecat are recorded within 2km and the site has potential to support their populations the site is deemed as having ecological value. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site could not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (LE142B)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?		
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site could not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and undesignated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m of one grade II listed asset. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site could avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and could reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider District. Similarly, the increased population of both the town and the District may have a positive effect also. The site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area of sustainable tourism and rural regeneration although its location adjacent to the open countryside could detract from this. Overall, the site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (LE142B)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with access to the town centre of Leek has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Leek and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase football. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this could be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, the site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 1,000m of existing areas of employment within the town and, as such, could provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 40 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site good accessibility to services, facilities and areas of employment which is likely to have a positive effect. However, the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land, the ecological value of the site and the proximity to historic assets is likely to have a negative effect.			

Table 15.33

LE143

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (LE143)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (LE143)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The site is outside of the settlement boundary of Leek. The development of this site, a greenfield site that is set within the open countryside could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	As noted, the site is outside of the settlement boundary of Leek and is remote from the town. The site would be within 1,200m of a wide range of services and facilities and the town centre of Leek, however this may not effectively serve the needs of prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site, on the edge of the settlement boundary, should provide residents with good access to the open countryside and help to support healthy lifestyles. However, the site is in excess of 1,200m of a GP surgery and is in proximity to one of the most deprived LSOAs in the District, Leek North, which is in the 20% most deprived nationally. It should be noted that the supply of health care services and facilities is currently adequate but is expected to be outstripped by future demand which may require additional investment through, for example, developer contributions. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective, with scope for negative effects.	0
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development could include aspects of good design which could help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (LE143)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 190 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 1,200m of the town centre of Leek and a GP surgery and within the open countryside which should reduce the need to travel within the town. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However, the site is within 1,200m of the town centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site could not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective..	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (LE143)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?		
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is more than 1,250m from Brough Park Fields (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered that development could have no effect on this asset. This site has not been subject to an ecology survey, so the exact effects are uncertain. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site could not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site could not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and undesignated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and	The site is within 400m of two grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (LE143)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?		
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site could avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and could reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider District. Similarly, the increased population of both the town and the District may have a positive effect also. The site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area of sustainable tourism and rural regeneration although its location adjacent to the open countryside could detract from this. Overall, the site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with access to the town centre of Leek has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Leek and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase football. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this could be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, the site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels?	The site is not within 1,000m of existing areas of employment within the town and, as such, could fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (LE143)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?		
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 190 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. However, the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land, the proximity to historic assets is likely to have a negative effect as could the relative inaccessibility to services, facilities and areas of existing employment.			

Table 15.34

LE143A

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (LE143A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The site is outside of the settlement boundary of Leek. The development of this site, a greenfield site that is set within the open countryside could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage	As noted, the site is outside of the settlement boundary of Leek and is remote from the town. The site would be within 1,200m of a wide range of services and facilities and the town centre of Leek, however this may not effectively serve the needs of prospective residents. Overall,	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (LE143A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	/ civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? ● Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	● Help improve health or access to health facilities? ● Help promote healthy lifestyles? ● Help to reduce health inequalities? ● Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site, on the edge of the settlement boundary, should provide residents with good access to the open countryside and help to support healthy lifestyles. However, the site is in excess of 1,200m of a GP surgery and is in proximity to one of the most deprived LSOAs in the District, Leek North, which is in the 20% most deprived nationally. It should be noted that the supply of health care services and facilities is currently adequate but is expected to be outstripped by future demand which may require additional investment through, for example, developer contributions. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	● Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? ● Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development could include aspects of good design which could help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	● Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? ● Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? ● Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 135 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	● Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? ● Support the use of public transport? ● Support safe walking and cycling? ● Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 1,200m of the town centre of Leek and a GP surgery and within the open countryside which should reduce the need to travel within the town. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (LE143A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However, the site is within 1,200m of the town centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site could not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is more than 1,250m from Brough Park Fields (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered that development could have no effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has fairly low biodiversity value overall but some connectivity to the wider countryside through hedgerows. Overall the site is attributed importance as there are two trees with potential to support roosting bats and a species rich hedgerow. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (LE143A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	development of this site could not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site could not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and undesignated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 50m of one grade II listed asset and within 400m of two other grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of these historical heritage assets and their setting. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site could avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and could reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider District. Similarly, the increased population of both the town and the District may have a positive effect also. The site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area of sustainable tourism and rural	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (LE143A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
		regeneration although its location adjacent to the open countryside could detract from this. Overall, the site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with access to the town centre of Leek has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Leek and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase football. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this could be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, the site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is not within 1,000m of existing areas of employment within the town and, as such, could fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 135 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. However, the site's proximity to historic assets is likely to have a significant negative effect. The development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land, the proximity to historic assets is likely to have a negative effect as could the relative inaccessibility to services, facilities and areas of existing employment.			

Table 15.35

LE253

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (LE253)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The site is outside of the settlement boundary of Leek. The development of this site, a greenfield site that is set within the open countryside could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the settlement boundary and is more than 2,000m away from the town centre which could result in existing services and facilities being inaccessible and the needs of prospective residents not being addressed. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site, on the edge of the settlement boundary, should provide residents with good access to the open countryside and help to support healthy lifestyles. However, the site is in excess of 2,000m of a GP surgery and it should be noted that the supply of health care services and facilities is currently adequate but is expected to be outstripped by future demand which may require additional investment through, for example, developer contributions. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (LE253)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development could include aspects of good design which could help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 15 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is further than 2,000m of the town centre of Leek, which could be expected to increase the need to travel within the town. However, it is adjacent to the open countryside. Similarly, the site is near to the A523 which has a number of bus stops and services serving it. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (LE253)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site could not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is more than 1,500m from Brough Park Fields (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered that development could have no effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has mostly low biodiversity value overall in terms of area and is unlikely to support many European and UK protected species. The species rich hedgerow elevates the site's ecological value. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site could not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site could not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (LE253)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and undesignated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 50m of one grade II listed asset and within 400m of another other grade II listed asset. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of these historical heritage assets and their setting. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site could avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and could reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider District. Similarly, the increased population of both the town and the District may have a positive effect also. The site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area of sustainable tourism and rural regeneration although its location adjacent to the open countryside could detract from this. Overall, the site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Leek and the wider District, however the Leek town centre is not easily accessible from the site which may reduce the effect on this objective. Overall, this has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (LE253)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this could be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 500m of local employment provision and, as such, could provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 15 dwellings is considered to have a positive effect, as could the site's proximity to areas of existing employment. However, the site's proximity to historic assets is likely to have a significant negative effect. The development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land, the proximity to historic assets is likely to have a negative effect as could the relative inaccessibility to services and facilities and the ecological value of the site.			

Table 15.36

Core Strategy Broad Area EM2 Leekbrook

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (EM2)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure?	The development of this site, a greenfield site outside the development boundary, could be expected to have an effect on the Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (EM2)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?		
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village, it is within 400m of the village centre but has insufficient services and facilities to meet the needs of the community. It should be noted that Leekbrook does not have a primary or secondary school. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide employees with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. It should be noted that Leekbrook does not have a GP surgery. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development could include aspects of good design which could help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	This site has been proposed for employment uses with regards to this assessment. Therefore the development would provide no housing. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the village centre of Leekbrook as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (EM2)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However, the site is within 400m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	Part of the site is located within flood zone 3 and an area which highlights that communities are at risk from fluvial flooding as noted in the SFRA. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this objective.	--
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites?	The site is within 1,000m of Combes Valley SSSI, the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have an effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site at the time of survey appeared to have mostly low biodiversity value overall in terms of the marshy grassland area, however given the precautionary	-/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (EM2)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	principle to ecological protection, and given the sub-optimal time of year the survey was carried out, it is recommended that another full floral survey is conducted at an appropriate time of year. The site also has some broadleaved woodland, scrub and riparian vegetation within its boundary, and is adjacent to an important mosaic of semi-natural broadleaved woodland, scrub, a stream and grasslands. Given that the SBI covers the majority of the site, and owing to the ecological importance of a third tier site designated for its ecological assemblage, it is recommended that any future development of this site is considered in line with paras 7, 9, 17, 109, 114 and 117 NPPF; and also in relation to the Council's own Core Strategy Policy NE1. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site could not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site could not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and undesignated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and	The site is within 400m from one grade II* listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of historical heritage assets and their setting. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (EM2)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?		
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be within 1,000m from Combes Valley SSSI and could increase external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed employment use of this site provides scope for the development of this site to have a positive effect on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district, however this is dependent on proposal specific information. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of an employment site within the town centre has the scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Leekbrook and the wider District, as new employment could be expected to increase footfall in the nearby town centre. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this objective.	++
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site and the proposed employment use of the site could be considered to have a positive effect on businesses and the residents of Leekbrook as it could strengthen and diversify the economy. Overall, this has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is proximity to areas of existing local employment provision as well as new employment provision generated by this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this objective.	++

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (EM2)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The development of new employment premises should have a significant positive effect on the vitality and viability of the District, strengthen economic growth and support a higher level of employment within the District. The site's accessibility to open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is relatively inaccessible to services and facilities and the site is located within a flood zone which is likely to have a significant negative effect. The development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is assessed as being a negative effect, as could the site's proximity to historic assets and a partial SBI designation.			

Table 15.37

ADD01

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (ADD01)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	SOCIAL		
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The site is outside of the settlement boundary of Leek. The development of this site, a greenfield site that is set within the open countryside could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the settlement boundary and is more than 2,000m away from the town centre which could result in existing services and facilities being inaccessible and the needs of prospective residents not being addressed. However, it should be noted that the site is adjacent to Churnet View Middle School. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (ADD01)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site, on the edge of the settlement boundary, should provide residents with good access to the open countryside and adjacent to an area of open space should help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 800m of a GP surgery. However, it should be noted that the supply of health care services and facilities is currently adequate but is expected to be outstripped by future demand which may require additional investment through, for example, developer contributions. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development could include aspects of good design which could help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the location and size of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 25 dwellings, and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 800m of the town centre of Leek and a GP surgery and adjacent to the open countryside this should reduce the need to travel within the town. However, the site has limited access to the transport network at present. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 800m of the town centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (ADD01)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?		
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site could not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is within 500m of Brough Park Fields (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered that development could have an effect on this asset, at least a short term disturbance of this habitat, if not long term. This site has not been subject to an ecology survey, so the exact effects are uncertain. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (ADD01)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?		
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site could not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and undesignated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m of a two grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and could reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district. However, the increased population of both the town and District may have a positive effect. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural regeneration. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (ADD01)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with access to the town centre of Leek has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Leek and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this could be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 500m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, could provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 15 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as could the site's proximity to areas of existing employment. The site's accessibility to areas of open space is considered to have a positive effect. However, the site's proximity to designated and historic assets is likely to have a negative effect, as could the development of greenfield land, grade 4 ALC and the inaccessibility of services and facilities.			

Table 15.38

15.2 Biddulph

Potentially suitable sites (10+ dwellings) - within the Development Boundary

BD004

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD004) ...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The site is located within the settlement boundary, albeit on the north west edge, the redevelopment of this brownfield site could help to improve the social and environmental quality of the town centre. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	Whilst the site is located on the edge of the settlement boundary, it is within 1,200m of the town centre and the wide range of key services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective residents of the site. It should be noted that education facilities and services within the town have adequate supply at present but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. It should be noted that education facilities and services within the town have adequate supply at present but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site, on the edge of the settlement boundary, should provide residents with good access to the open countryside and help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 1,200m of a GP surgery. It should be noted that supply for health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and this is expected to	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD004) ...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
		worsen in the future without additional investment. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 15 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 1,200m of the town centre of Biddulph and a GP surgery and adjacent to the open countryside which should reduce the need to travel within the town. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However, the site is within 1,200m of the town centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD004) ...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is over 1,250m from both Gannister Quarry SSSI and Biddulph Valley Way (Whitemoor) (LNR), the nearest designated assets, and, as such, is considered to have no effect on these assets. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has potential for protected species to be present due to the mosaic of habitats and habitat structure present, especially as the site is well connected to the wider countryside and on this basis the site is deemed to have ecological value. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	The site has been assessed as being a brownfield site, similarly it is classified as urban ALC land. As such, the development of this site would avoid the loss of best and most versatile agricultural land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD004) ...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	The development of this brownfield site could enable the re-use of existing buildings within the town centre. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development could incorporate sustainable materials. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m of one grade II listed asset. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and would reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there would be limited effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district. However, the increased population of both the town and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the town centre of Biddulph has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Biddulph and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD004) ...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the town centre of Biddulph has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Biddulph and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 500m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The development of urban ALC land on a brownfield site is likely to have a significant positive effect, as could the site's proximity to existing areas of employment. The site should deliver a quantum of housing, circa 15 dwellings which is likely to have a positive effect. The site is located within the settlement boundary and has good accessibility to the services and facilities. However, its proximity to heritage assets would have a negative effect, as would the ecological value of the site.			

Table 15.39

BD016

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD016)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure?	The site is located within the settlement boundary and the redevelopment of this mixed brownfield and greenfield site could help to improve the social and environmental quality of the town centre. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD016)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?		
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	Given the town centre location of this site, it can be considered that the site would be in proximity to a wide range of key services and facilities. For example, the site is in proximity to James Bateman Junior High School and Knypersley High School. It should be noted that education facilities and services within the town have adequate supply at present but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. It should be noted that education facilities and services within the town have adequate supply at present but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to the nearby open space and countryside which should help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 800m of a GP surgery. However, it should be noted that this site is adjacent to one of the most deprived LSOAs in Staffordshire Moors, Biddulph East, which is in the most deprived 20% in England. It should be noted that supply for health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and this is expected to worsen in the future without additional investment. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 20 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD016)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 800m of the town centre of Biddulph and a GP surgery and near to the open countryside this should reduce the need to travel within the town. Similarly, the site is located near to a number of bus stops. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However, the site is within 400m of the town centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites?	The site is over 2,000m from Roe Park Woods SSSI, the nearest designated asset and, as such, is considered to have no effect on	+/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD016)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	these assets. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has been attributed a low ecological value in its potential to support protected species as the habitats are species poor and poorly connected to other more biodiverse habitats. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	The site has been assessed as being a brownfield and greenfield site, similarly it is classified as urban ALC land. As such, the development of this site would avoid the loss of best and most versatile agricultural land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	The development of this brownfield and greenfield site could enable the re-use of existing buildings within the town centre. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development could incorporate sustainable materials. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m of seven grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness?	The site would avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and would reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location	++

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD016)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	of the site, it is considered that there would be limited effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district. However, the increased population of both the town and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the town centre of Biddulph has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Biddulph and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 500m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects:			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD016)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
The site should deliver a quantum of housing, circa 20 dwellings which is likely to have a significant positive effect, as could the location of the site with regard to its proximity to services and facilities and areas of existing employment as well as the positive effect on the landscape. The site is located within the settlement boundary and has good accessibility to health care services and facilities. However, its proximity to heritage assets would have a negative effect.			

Table 15.40

BD055

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD055)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	SOCIAL		
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The site is located within the settlement boundary and the redevelopment of this brownfield site could help to improve the social and environmental quality of the town centre. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	Given the town centre location of this site, it can be considered that the site would be in proximity to a wide range of key services and facilities. For example, the site is in proximity to James Bateman Junior High School and Knypersley High School. It should be noted that education facilities and services within the town have adequate supply at present but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. It should be noted that education facilities and services within the town have adequate supply at present but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD055)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to the nearby open space and countryside which should help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 800m of a GP surgery and is adjacent to national route 55, part of the national cycle network. However, it should be noted that this site is adjacent to one of the most deprived LSOAs in Staffordshire Moors, Biddulph East, which is in the most deprived 20% in England. It should be noted that supply for health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and this is expected to worsen in the future without additional investment. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 20 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 800m of the town centre of Biddulph and a GP surgery and near to the open countryside this should reduce the need to travel within the town. Similarly, the site is located near to a number of bus stops. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However, the site is within 800m of the town centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD055)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?		
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is over 2,250m from Roe Park Woods SSSI, the nearest designated asset and, as such, is considered to have no effect on these assets. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site is set within a fairly urban environment with some connectivity to variable habitats within the wider countryside. The sum of habitats and their connectivity to more biodiverse habitats as well as the presence of buildings with potential to support roosting bats suggests that the site has ecological importance. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land?	The site has been assessed as being a brownfield, similarly it is classified as urban ALC land. As such, the development of this site would avoid the loss of best and most versatile agricultural land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD055)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?		
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	The development of this brownfield site could enable the re-use of existing buildings within the town centre. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development could incorporate sustainable materials. This site is also within a Minerals Consultation Area and development of this site would preclude any extraction of the minerals below. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 50m of three grade II listed assets and 400m of four grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of these historical heritage assets and their setting. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and would reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there would be limited effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district. However, the increased population of both the town and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD055)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the town centre of Biddulph has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Biddulph and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 1,000m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The site should deliver a quantum of housing, circa 20 dwellings which is likely to have a significant positive effect, as could the development of urban ALC brownfield land and proximity to services and facilities. However, the site's proximity to heritage assets is assessed as a significant negative. The site is located within the settlement boundary and has good accessibility to services and facilities and areas of existing employment. However, the site's ecological value would have a negative effect.			

Table 15.41

BD059

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD059)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD059)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The site is located within the settlement boundary and the redevelopment of this brownfield site could help to improve the social and environmental quality of the town centre. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	Given the town centre location of this site, it can be considered that the site would be in proximity to a wide range of key services and facilities. For example, the site is in proximity to English Martyrs Catholic Primary School and Kingsfield First School. It should be noted that education facilities and services within the town have adequate supply at present but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. It should be noted that education facilities and services within the town have adequate supply at present but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to the nearby open space and countryside which should help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 400m of a GP surgery. However, it should be noted that the site is within one of the most deprived LSOAs in Staffordshire Moors, Biddulph East, which is in the lowest 20% in the UK. It should be noted that supply for health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and this is expected to worsen in the future without additional investment. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD059)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 12 dwellings and therefore would not provide a significant quantum of housing to meet identified need. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the town centre of Biddulph and a GP surgery and a number of bus stops but does not have an area of open space or countryside in proximity. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However, the site is within 400m of the town centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD059)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? ● Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?		
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	● Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? ● Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? ● Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is over 2,250m from Roe Park Woods SSSI, the nearest designated asset and, as such, is considered to have no effect on these assets. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has mostly low biodiversity value overall, is set within an urban environment with little connectivity to the wider countryside. However as the buildings could potentially support roosting bats the site is given ecological value. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	● Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? ● Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? ● Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? ● Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? ● Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	The site has been assessed as being a brownfield, similarly it is classified as urban ALC land. As such, the development of this site would avoid the loss of best and most versatile agricultural land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	● Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? ● Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? ● Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	The development of this brownfield site could enable the re-use of existing buildings within the town centre. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development could incorporate sustainable materials. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	● Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? ● Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns	The nearest historical asset is circa 550m south west from the site. Given the distance of the site form this asset, there is limited scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD059)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?		
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and would reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there would be limited effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district. However, the increased population of both the town and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the town centre of Biddulph has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Biddulph and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 500m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD059)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The development of urban ALC brownfield land should have a significant positive effect, as should the preservation of the landscape and the site's proximity to existing areas of employment and services and facilities. The site is located within the settlement boundary, and away from historical assets. However, the site's ecological value would have a negative effect.			

Table 15.42

BD101

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD101)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	SOCIAL		
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The site is located within the settlement boundary and the redevelopment of this brownfield site could help to improve the social and environmental quality of the town centre. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	Given the town centre location of this site, it can be considered that the site would be in proximity to a wide range of key services and facilities. For example, the site is in proximity to Biddulph Valley Leisure Centre and Kingsfield First School. It should be noted that education facilities and services within the town have adequate supply at present but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to the nearby open space and countryside which should help to	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD101)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 400m of a GP surgery. It should be noted that supply for health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and this is expected to worsen in the future without additional investment. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 24 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the town centre of Biddulph and a GP surgery and there are a small number of open space areas in proximity of varying types. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However, the site is within 400m of the town centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD101)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	AAs the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is over 1,750m from Gannister Quarry SSSI, the nearest designated asset and, as such, is considered to have no effect on these assets. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has low ecological importance overall but the presence of buildings with potential to support roosting bats warrants the site being attributed some ecological value. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	The site has been assessed as being a brownfield, similarly it is classified as urban ALC land. As such, the development of this site would avoid the loss of best and most versatile agricultural land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation?	The development of this brownfield site could enable the re-use of existing buildings within the town centre. Dependent on proposal	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD101)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	specific information, there is scope that development could incorporate sustainable materials. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The nearest historical asset is circa 500m west from the site. Given the distance of the site form this asset, there is limited scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and would reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there would be limited effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district. However, the increased population of both the town and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the town centre of Biddulph has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Biddulph and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD101)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 500m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The development of urban ALC brownfield land should have a significant positive effect, as should the preservation of the landscape and the site's proximity to existing areas of employment and services and facilities and the delivery of circa 24 dwellings. The site is located within the settlement boundary, and away from historical assets. However, the site's ecological value would have a negative effect.			

Table 15.43

BD102

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD102)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure?	The site is located within the settlement boundary and the redevelopment of this brownfield site could help to improve the social and environmental quality of the town centre. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD102)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?		
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	Given the town centre location of this site, it can be considered that the site would be in proximity to a wide range of key services and facilities. For example, the site is in proximity to Biddulph Valley Leisure Centre and Kingsfield First School. It should be noted that education facilities and services within the town have adequate supply at present but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to the nearby open space and countryside which should help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 400m of a GP surgery. It should be noted that supply for health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and this is expected to worsen in the future without additional investment. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 42 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the town centre of Biddulph and a GP surgery and there are a small number of open space areas in proximity of varying types. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD102)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?		
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However, the site is within 400m of the town centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is over 1,750m from Gannister Quarry SSSI, the nearest designated asset and, as such, is considered to have no effect on these assets. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site is deemed to have ecological value as the buildings could support roosting bats. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as	-/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD102)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
		having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	The site has been assessed as being a brownfield, similarly it is classified as urban ALC land. As such, the development of this site would avoid the loss of best and most versatile agricultural land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	The development of this brownfield site could enable the re-use of existing buildings within the town centre. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development could incorporate sustainable materials. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The nearest historical asset is circa 500m west from the site. Given the distance of the site form this asset, there is limited scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and would reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there would be limited effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD102)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district. However, the increased population of both the town and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the town centre of Biddulph has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Biddulph and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 500m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The development of urban ALC brownfield land should have a significant positive effect, as should the preservation of the landscape and the site's proximity to existing areas of employment and services and facilities and the delivery of circa 42 dwellings. The site is located within the settlement boundary, and away from historical assets. However, the site's ecological value would have a negative effect.			

Table 15.44

BD108

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD108)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	As the site is located within the town settlement boundary of Biddulph it could be considered that the redevelopment of this brownfield site could help to improve the social and environmental quality of the town centre. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	Given the town centre location of this site, it can be considered that the site would be in proximity to a wide range of key services and facilities. For example, the site is in proximity to James Bateman Junior High School and Knypersley High School. It should be noted that education facilities and services within the town have adequate supply at present but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to the nearby open space and countryside which should help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 800m of a GP surgery and is adjacent to national route 55, part of the national cycle network. However, it should be noted that this site is adjacent to one of the most deprived LSOAs in Staffordshire Moors, Biddulph East, which is in the most deprived 20% in England. It should be noted that supply for health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and this is expected to worsen in the future without additional investment. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD108)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 12 dwellings and therefore would not provide a significant quantum of housing to meet identified need. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 800m of the town centre of Biddulph and a GP surgery and near to the open countryside this should reduce the need to travel within the town. Similarly, the site is located near to a number of bus stops. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However, the site is within 800m of the town centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD108)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is over 2,250m from Roe Park Woods SSSI, the nearest designated asset and, as such, is considered to have no effect on these assets. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has mostly low biodiversity value overall, is set within a fairly urban environment with relatively good connectivity to the wider countryside. Nevertheless, as the site has good connectivity to other more biodiverse habitats, suitable reptile habitat and potential to support roosting bats the site is deemed as having ecological importance. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	The site has been assessed as being a brownfield, similarly it is classified as urban ALC land. As such, the development of this site would avoid the loss of best and most versatile agricultural land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	The development of this brownfield site could enable the re-use of existing buildings within the town centre. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development could incorporate sustainable materials. This site is also within a Minerals Consultation Area and development of this site would preclude any extraction of the minerals below. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD108)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	Both on the site and within 50m of it are six grade II listed assets and one more grade II listed assets within 400m. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of these historical heritage assets and their setting. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and would reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there would be limited effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district. However, the increased population of both the town and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the town centre of Biddulph has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Biddulph and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD108)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 1,000m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The development of urban ALC brownfield land should have a significant positive effect, as should the preservation of the landscape and the site's proximity to services and facilities. However there is scope that development of this site could have significant negative effects on historical assets. Similarly, the site's ecological value would have a negative effect.			

Table 15.45

15.2.1 Urban extension

BD071, BD071A, BD106 & BD156

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD071, BD071A, BD106 & BD156)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The site is located within the settlement boundary. The development of this greenfield site could reduce the quality of Green Infrastructure of the Town. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	Given the town centre location of this site, it can be considered that the site would be in proximity to a wide range of key services and facilities. For example, the site is in proximity to Biddulph Valley Leisure Centre and Kingsfield First School. It should be noted that education facilities and services within the town have adequate supply at present but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to the nearby open space and countryside which should help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 400m of a GP surgery. It should be noted that supply for health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and this is expected to worsen in the future without additional investment. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD071, BD071A, BD106 & BD156)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 265 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the town centre of Biddulph and a GP surgery and there are a small number of open space areas in proximity of varying types. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However, the site is within 400m of the town centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD071, BD071A, BD106 & BD156)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is over 1,750m from Gannister Quarry SSSI, the nearest designated asset and, as such, is considered to have no effect on these assets. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site is deemed to have ecological importance as the buildings could support roosting bats. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	The site has been assessed as being a greenfield, similarly it is classified as urban ALC land. As such, the development of this site would avoid the loss of best and most versatile agricultural land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD071, BD071A, BD106 & BD156)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The nearest historical asset is circa 500m west from the site. Given the distance of the site form this asset, there is limited scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and would reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there would be limited effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district. However, the increased population of both the town and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the town centre of Biddulph has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Biddulph and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD071, BD071A, BD106 & BD156)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 500m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The site's proximity to services, facilities and existing areas of employment and proposed delivery of circa 265 dwellings should have a significant positive effect. However there is scope that development of this site could have negative effects due to the site's ecological importance and the development of greenfield land.			

Table 15.46

15.2.2 Other uses

BD117

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD117)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The site is located outside of the existing town boundary and also outside of the draft new town boundary. The development of greenfield land within the open countryside could reduce the quality of the Green Infrastructure of the Town. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	As noted, the site is located outside of the settlement boundary on the south east edge of Biddulph. The site is more than 1,200m away from the town centre which could result in existing services and facilities being inaccessible. It should be noted that education facilities and services within the town have adequate supply at present but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The sites location would provide good access to areas of open space and the countryside which could help to support healthy lifestyles. However, the site is more than 1,200m from a GP surgery. It should be noted that supply for health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and this is expected to worsen in the future without additional investment. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD117)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	This site has been proposed for employment uses with regards to this assessment. Therefore the development would provide no housing. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted, the site is more than 1,200m from the town centre of Biddulph and a GP surgery this could be expected to increase the need to travel. However, the site is near to the open country side and an area of open space and a number of bus stops. Similarly, the development of this site may lead to the provision of additional public transport services. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However, the site is more than 1,200m from the town centre and could increase the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD117)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is over 1,500m from Whitfield Valley (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have no effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has very low biodiversity value overall, however as there are two trees with bat roosting potential and species rich hedgerows, on this basis the site has been attributed ecological value. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD117)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is more than 400m away from any historical heritage asset, the nearest asset is grade II* listed Knypersley Hall which is circa 650m to the north of the site. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is limited scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and would reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed employment use of this site provides scope for the development of this site to have a positive effect on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district, however this is dependent on proposal specific information. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of an employment site within the town centre has the scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Biddulph and the wider District, as new employment could be expected to increase footfall in the nearby town centre. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this objective.	++
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site and the proposed employment use of the site could be considered to have a positive effect on businesses and the residents of Biddulph as it could strengthen and diversify the economy. Overall, this has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD117)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is proximity to areas of existing local employment provision as well as new employment provision generated by this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this objective.	++
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The development of new employment premises should have a significant positive effect on the vitality and viability of the District, strengthen economic growth and support a higher level of employment within the District. However, the greenfield nature of this site and its location outside of the settlement boundary, coupled with its ecological value could have a negative effect.			

Table 15.47

BD076

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD076)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The site is located within the settlement boundary and the redevelopment of this mixed brownfield and greenfield site could help to improve the social and environmental quality of the town centre. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD076)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	Given the town centre location of this site, it can be considered that the site would be in proximity to a wide range of key services and facilities. It should be noted that education facilities and services within the town have adequate supply at present but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide employees with good access to the nearby open space and countryside which should help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 400m of a GP surgery and is adjacent to national route 55, part of the national cycle network. It should be noted that supply for health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and this is expected to worsen in the future without additional investment. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	This site has been proposed for employment uses with regards to this assessment. Therefore the development would provide no housing. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD076)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the town centre of Biddulph and a GP surgery and is near to the open countryside which should reduce the need to travel within the town. Similarly, the site is located near to a number of bus stops and given the size of the site additional public transport methods may become available through developer contributions. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However, the site is within 400m of the town centre and could be expected to reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites?	The site is over 1,500m from Roe Park Woods SSSI, the nearest designated asset and, as such, is considered to have no effect on this	-/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD076)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site itself has scattered planted broadleaved trees, ephemeral grassland, dense scrub and tall ruderal vegetation which are connected to a series of other hedgerows and habitats, which form an important potentially biodiverse mosaic. Therefore the site is considered to be of ecological value. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	The site has been assessed as being a mixed brownfield and greenfield site, similarly it is classified as urban ALC land. As such, the development of this site would avoid the loss of best and most versatile agricultural land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	The development of this brownfield and greenfield site could enable the re-use of existing buildings. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development could incorporate sustainable materials. This site is also within a Minerals Consultation Area and development of this site would preclude any extraction of the minerals below. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is more than 400m away from any historical heritage asset, the nearest asset is grade II listed Whitehouse Cottage which is circa 500m to the north of the site. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is limited scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD076)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and would reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed use of this site provides scope for the development of this site to have a positive effect on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district, however this is dependent on proposal specific information. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of an employment site within the town centre has the scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Biddulph and the wider District, as new employment could be expected to increase footfall in the nearby town centre. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this objective.	++
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site and the proposed employment use of the site could be considered to have a positive effect on businesses and the residents of Biddulph as it could strengthen and diversify the economy. Overall, this has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is proximity to areas of existing local employment provision as well as new employment provision generated by this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this objective.	++
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects:			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD076)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
The proposed delivery of a town centre employment site is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services, facilities and areas of existing employment is likely to have a positive effect.			

Table 15.48

BD076A

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD076A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The site is located within the settlement boundary and the redevelopment of this mixed brownfield and greenfield site could help to improve the social and environmental quality of the town centre. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	Given the town centre location of this site, it can be considered that the site would be in proximity to a wide range of key services and facilities and may provide additional services and facilities. It should be noted that education facilities and services within the town have adequate supply at present but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles?	The location of this site should provide residents and employees with good access to nearby open space and countryside which should help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 400m of a GP	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD076A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	surgery and is adjacent to national route 55, part of the national cycle network. It should be noted that supply for health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and this is expected to worsen in the future without additional investment. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 55 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. It is acknowledged that the site is proposed as mixed use which may reduce the quantum of housing delivered by this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the town centre of Biddulph and a GP surgery and is near to the open countryside which should reduce the need to travel within the town. Similarly, the site is located near to a number of bus stops. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However, the site is within 400m of the town centre and could be expected to reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD076A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is over 1,500m from Roe Park Woods SSSI, the nearest designated asset and, as such, is considered to have no effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site is connected to a hedgerow and other potentially biodiverse habitats, and forms part of an important potentially biodiverse mosaic, therefore the site is attributed ecological value. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	The site has been assessed as being a mixed brownfield and greenfield site, similarly it is classified as urban ALC land. As such, the development of this site would avoid the loss of best and most versatile agricultural land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation?	The development of this brownfield and greenfield site could enable the re-use of existing buildings. Dependent on proposal specific	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD076A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	information, there is scope that development could incorporate sustainable materials. This site is also within a Minerals Consultation Area and development of this site would preclude any extraction of the minerals below. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is circa 450m away from a historical heritage asset. Although dependent on proposal specific information, there is limited scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and would reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed mixed use of this site provides scope for the development of this site to have a positive effect on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district, however this is dependent on proposal specific information. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a mixed use site within the town centre has the scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Biddulph and the wider District, as new employment could be expected to increase footfall in the nearby town centre. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this objective.	++

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD076A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site and the proposed mixed use, and associated employment, of the site could be considered to have a positive effect on businesses and the residents of Biddulph as it could strengthen and diversify the economy. Overall, this has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is proximity to areas of existing local employment provision as well as new employment provision generated by this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this objective.	++
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The development of new employment premises should have a significant positive effect on the vitality and viability of the District, strengthen economic growth and support a higher level of employment within the District. Similarly, the site is located within settlement boundary and should have good access to services and facilities which is likely to also have a significant positive effect. However the site has been assessed as having ecological value which is likely to have a negative effect.			

Table 15.49

15.2.3 Sites within Green Belt

BD062

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD062)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	SOCIAL		
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The site borders the settlement boundary of Biddulph but is outside of the boundary. The development of this site, a greenfield site that is set within the open countryside, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	As noted, the site is outside of the settlement boundary of Biddulph. The site would be within 800m of a wide range of services and facilities but not within 400m of the town centre of Biddulph. It should be noted that education facilities and services within the town have adequate supply at present but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site, on the border of the settlement boundary, should provide residents with good access to the open countryside and help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 1,200m of a GP surgery and is adjacent to national route 55, part of the national cycle network. It should be noted that supply for health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and this is expected to worsen in the future without additional investment. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD062)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 40 dwellings, and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 800m of the town centre of Biddulph and 1,200m of a GP surgery and within the open countryside which should reduce the need to travel within the town. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However, the site is within 800m of the town centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD062)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is more than 1,000m from Biddulph Valley Way (Whitemoor) (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered that development could have no effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has potential for protected species to be present due to the mosaic of habitats and habitat structure present, especially as the site is well connected to the wider countryside. The site is deemed to have ecological value. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD062)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m of grade I Biddulph Grange Gardens, one grade II* listed asset, the Church of St. Lawrence and Coffin Lids and Benches on South Side, and seven grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and would reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there would be scope for effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district. However, the increased population of both the town and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Biddulph and the wider District. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD062)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 500m of local employment provision and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 40 dwellings should have a significant positive effect. The site is also accessible to existing services, facilities and areas of employment which is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site's ecological importance due to the potential for protected species to be present and its connection to the wider countryside are considered to have a significant negative effect. Similarly, the development of greenfield land, grade 4 ALC and the site's proximity to historic assets are also assessed as having a negative effect.			

Table 15.50

BD063A

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD063A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	SOCIAL		
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The site borders the settlement boundary of Biddulph but is outside of the boundary. The development of this site, a greenfield site that is set within the open countryside, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership,	As noted, the site is outside of the settlement boundary of Biddulph. The site would be within 800m of a wide range of services and facilities. For example, the site is in proximity to James Bateman Junior High School and Knypersley High School. Similarly, given the size of development proposed there is scope that additional key services and	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD063A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? ● Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	facilities could be brought forward through developer contributions. It should be noted that education facilities and services within the town have adequate supply at present but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	● Help improve health or access to health facilities? ● Help promote healthy lifestyles? ● Help to reduce health inequalities? ● Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site, on the border of the settlement boundary, should provide residents with good access to the open countryside and help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 1,200m of a GP surgery and is adjacent to national route 55, part of the national cycle network. It should be noted that supply for health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and this is expected to worsen in the future without additional investment. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	● Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? ● Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	● Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? ● Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? ● Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 120 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	● Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? ● Support the use of public transport? ● Support safe walking and cycling? ● Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 800m of the town centre of Biddulph and a GP surgery and near to the open countryside this should reduce the need to travel within the town. Similarly, the site is located near to a number of bus stops. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD063A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However, the site is within 800m of the town centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is over 2,000m from Roe Park Woods SSSI, the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have no effect on these assets. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has mostly low biodiversity value overall in terms of the species poor grassland area but has some fairly biodiverse areas connected by hedgerows to the south and north; the site is attributed ecological value due to the presence of trees with bat roosting potential. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as both grade 3 & 4 ALC	-/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD063A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	land so development of this site Could not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. This site is also within a Minerals Consultation Area and development of this site would preclude any extraction of the minerals below. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m of seven grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of these historical heritage assets and their setting. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and would reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there would be scope for effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD063A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district. However, the increased population of both the town and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Biddulph and the wider District. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 500m of local employment provision and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 120 dwellings should have a significant positive effect. The site is also accessible to existing services, facilities and areas of employment which is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site's ecological value is considered to have a negative effect. Similarly, the development of greenfield land, grade 3/4 ALC and the site's proximity to historic assets are also assessed as having a negative effect.			

Table 15.51

BD064

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD064)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	SOCIAL		
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The site borders the settlement boundary of Biddulph but is outside of the boundary. The development of this site, a greenfield site that is set within the open countryside, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	Whilst the site is located on the outside of the settlement boundary, it is within 1,200m of the town centre and the wide range of key services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective residents of the site. It should be noted that education facilities and services within the town have adequate supply at present but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site, outside of the settlement boundary, should provide residents with good access to the open countryside and help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 1,200m of a GP surgery. It should be noted that supply for health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and this is expected to worsen in the future without additional investment. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD064)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
		to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 12 dwellings and therefore would not provide any affordable homes. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 1,200m of the town centre of Biddulph and a GP surgery and adjacent to the open countryside which should reduce the need to travel within the town. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However, the site is within 1,200m of the town centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD064)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is over 1,250m from both Gannister Quarry SSSI and Biddulph Valley Way (Whitemoor) (LNR) , the nearest designated asset and, as such, is considered to have no effect on these assets. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has fairly low potential to support protected species as the habitats are species poor and poorly connected to other more biodiverse habitats. However as the site has a potentially species rich hedgerow and tree with bat potential the site is given ecological value. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural	The site is within 400m of one grade II listed asset. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical	-/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD064)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
archaeological assets along with their settings.	and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and would reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there would be scope for effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district. However, the increased population of both the town and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the town centre of Biddulph has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Biddulph and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD064)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 500m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	+
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The site is accessible to existing services, facilities and areas of employment which is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site's district ecological importance are considered to have a negative effect. Similarly, the development of greenfield land, grade 4 ALC and the site's proximity to historic assets and the ecological status of the site are also assessed as having a negative effect.			

Table 15.52

BD067A

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD067A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	SOCIAL		
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The site borders the settlement boundary of Biddulph but is outside of the boundary. The development of this site, a greenfield site that is set within the open countryside, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender	Whilst the site is located on the outside of the settlement boundary, it is within 1,200m of the town centre and the wide range of key services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD067A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	residents of the site. For example, the site is in proximity to Oxhey First School. It should be noted that education facilities and services within the town have adequate supply at present but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site, outside of the settlement boundary, should provide residents with good access to the open countryside and help to support healthy lifestyles. However, the site is more than 1,200m from a GP surgery. It should be noted that supply for health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and this is expected to worsen in the future without additional investment. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 120 dwellings, and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 1,200m of the town centre of Biddulph and adjacent to the open countryside which should reduce the need to travel within the town. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD067A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However, the site is within 1,200m of the town centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is over 2,000m from Biddulph Valley Way (Whitemoor) (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have no effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has little potential to support protected species, although the site is fairly well connected to the wider countryside the surrounding habitats appear of low biodiversity value as well. However, the presence of nine trees with potential to support roosting bats warrants the site being considered to have ecological value. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD067A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is more than 400m from any historical heritage assets, the nearest designated asset is grade I listed Biddulph Grange Garden which is circa 650m to the north of the site. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is limited scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of this, or other, historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and would reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there would be scope for effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD067A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district. However, the increased population of both the town and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the town centre of Biddulph has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Biddulph and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 1,000m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 120 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. The site is accessible to existing services, facilities and areas of employment and located away from historic assets is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site's ecological value is considered to have a negative effect. Similarly, the development of greenfield land, grade 4 ALC is also assessed as having a negative effect.			

Table 15.53

BD067B

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD067B)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	SOCIAL		
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The site borders the settlement boundary of Biddulph but is outside of the boundary. The development of this site, a greenfield site that is set within the open countryside, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	Whilst the site is located on the outside of the settlement boundary, it is within 1,200m of the town centre and the wide range of key services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective residents of the site. For example, the site is in proximity to Oxhey First School. It should be noted that education facilities and services within the town have adequate supply at present but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site, outside of the settlement boundary, should provide residents with good access to the open countryside and help to support healthy lifestyles. However, the site is more than 1,200m from a GP surgery. It should be noted that supply for health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and this is expected to worsen in the future without additional investment. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD067B)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
		to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 150 dwellings and therefore would not provide any affordable homes. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 1,200m of the town centre of Biddulph and adjacent to the open countryside which should reduce the need to travel within the town. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However, the site is within 1,200m of the town centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD067B)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is over 1,750m from Biddulph Valley Way (Whitemoor) (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have no effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that apart from roosting bats the site has little potential to support protected species and poorly connected to the wider countryside, though the four trees with bat potential increases the ecological value of the site. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural	The site is within 400m of grade I listed Biddulph Grange Garden. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of this historical	-/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD067B)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
archaeological assets along with their settings.	and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	heritage assets and its setting. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and would reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there would be scope for effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district. However, the increased population of both the town and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the town centre of Biddulph has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Biddulph and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD067B)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 1,000m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 150 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. The site is accessible to existing services, facilities and areas of employment is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site's ecological value is considered to have a negative effect. Similarly, the development of greenfield land, grade 4 ALC and the site's proximity to heritage assets is also assessed as having a negative effect.			

Table 15.54

BD067C

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD067C)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The site borders the settlement boundary of Biddulph but is outside of the boundary. The development of this site, a greenfield site that is set within the open countryside, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due	Whilst the site is located on the outside of the settlement boundary, it is within 1,200m of the town centre and the wide range of key services	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD067C)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? ● Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective residents of the site. For example, the site is in proximity to Oxhey First School. It should be noted that education facilities and services within the town have adequate supply at present but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	● Help improve health or access to health facilities? ● Help promote healthy lifestyles? ● Help to reduce health inequalities? ● Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site, outside of the settlement boundary, should provide residents with good access to the open countryside and help to support healthy lifestyles. However, the site is more than 1,200m from a GP surgery. It should be noted that supply for health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and this is expected to worsen in the future without additional investment. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	● Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? ● Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	● Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? ● Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? ● Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 120 dwellings and therefore would not provide any affordable homes. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	● Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? ● Support the use of public transport? ● Support safe walking and cycling? ● Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 1,200m of the town centre of Biddulph and adjacent to the open countryside which should reduce the need to travel within the town. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD067C)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However, the site is within 1,200m of the town centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is over 1,500m from Biddulph Valley Way (Whitemoor) (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have no effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that apart from roosting bats the site has little potential to support protected species and is poorly connected to the wider countryside, however the site does have one tree that could support roosting bats therefore is considered to have ecological value. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD067C)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m of grade I listed Biddulph Grange Garden, circa 300m to the north of the site. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of this historical heritage assets and its setting. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and would reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there would be scope for effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district. However, the increased population of both the town and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD067C)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the town centre of Biddulph has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Biddulph and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 1,000m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 120 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. The site is accessible to existing services, facilities and areas of employment is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site's ecological value is considered to have a negative effect. Similarly, the development of greenfield land, grade 4 ALC and the site's proximity to heritage assets is also assessed as having a negative effect.			

Table 15.55

BD068

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD068)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD068)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The site borders the settlement boundary of Biddulph but is outside of the boundary. The development of this site, a greenfield site that is set within the open countryside, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	As noted, the site is outside of the settlement boundary of Biddulph. The site would be within 800m of a wide range of services and facilities but not within 400m of the town centre of Biddulph. For example, the site in proximity to Woodhouse Middle School. It should be noted that education facilities and services within the town have adequate supply at present but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site, on the border of the settlement boundary, should provide residents with good access to the open countryside and help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 1,200m of a GP surgery. It should be noted that supply for health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and this is expected to worsen in the future without additional investment. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 70 dwellings, and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site	++

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD068)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 800m of the town centre of Biddulph and 1,200m of a GP surgery and within the open countryside which should reduce the need to travel within the town. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However, the site is within 800m of the town centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	Part of the site is located within a flood zone 2 and 3 area and, as such, it can be considered that the site would be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this objective.	--

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD068)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is more than 1,000m from Biddulph Valley Way (Whitemoor) (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered that development could have no effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has been deemed to have ecological importance due to the presence of trees with bat roosting potential, potential reptile populations and good connectivity to other biodiverse habitats. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m of grade I Biddulph Grange Gardens, one grade II* listed asset, the Church of St. Lawrence and Coffin Lids and Benches on South Side, and seven grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD068)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and would reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there would be scope for effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district. However, the increased population of both the town and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Biddulph and the wider District. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 500m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects:			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD068)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
The proposed delivery of circa 70 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as could the site's proximity to existing areas of employment. The site is also accessible to existing services and facilities which is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site's is partly located within a flood zone which is likely to have a significant negative effect. Similarly, the ecological value is considered to have a negative effect, as could the development of greenfield land, grade 4 ALC and the site's proximity to heritage assets is also assessed as having a negative effect.			

Table 15.56

BD069

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD069)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	SOCIAL		
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The site borders the settlement boundary of Biddulph but is outside of the boundary. The development of this site, a greenfield site that is set within the open countryside, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership,	As noted, the site is outside of the settlement boundary of Biddulph. The site would be within 1,200m of a wide range of services and facilities and the town centre of Biddulph. For example, the site is in proximity to Biddulph High School. It should be noted that education facilities and services within the town have adequate supply at present but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD069)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? ● Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.		
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	● Help improve health or access to health facilities? ● Help promote healthy lifestyles? ● Help to reduce health inequalities? ● Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site, on the border of the settlement boundary, should provide residents with good access to the open countryside and help to support healthy lifestyles. However, the site is more than 1,200m from a GP surgery. It should be noted that supply for health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and this is expected to worsen in the future without additional investment. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	● Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? ● Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	● Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? ● Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? ● Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 30 dwellings, and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	● Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? ● Support the use of public transport? ● Support safe walking and cycling? ● Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 1,200m of the town centre of Biddulph but more than 1,200m from a GP surgery. The site is within the open countryside which should increase access to the towns Green Infrastructure. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
ENVIRONMENTAL			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD069)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However, the site is within 1,200m of the town centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is more than 2,000m from Marshes Hill Common (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered that development could have no effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that it was difficult to ascertain the biodiversity value of the site without full access. The areas of semi-natural broadleaved woodland could also potentially contain badger setts. As a preliminary assumption due to lack of a full survey the following surveys / actions are at least recommended: An Extended Phase 1 Habitat Survey including assessment of bat roost potential within trees and buildings, badger survey, open water assessment and noxious weed survey as part of the walkover survey. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective until further surveys are carried out.	?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD069)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However the land has also been assessed as urban ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 50m of grade II* Knypersley Hall and one grade II listed asset, Stables, Coach Houses including Coachman's Cottage and Lodge North of Knypersley Hall. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and would reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there would be scope for effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD069)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district. However, the increased population of both the town and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Biddulph and the wider District. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 1,000m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 30 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. The site is also accessible to existing employment areas which is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site's proximity to historic assets is assessed as having a significant negative effect. The development of greenfield land is also assessed as having a negative effect.			

Table 15.57

BD083

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD083)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The site borders the settlement boundary of Biddulph but is outside of the boundary. The development of this site, a greenfield site that is set within the open countryside, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	As noted, the site is outside of the settlement boundary of Biddulph. The site would be within 800m of a wide range of services and facilities and is adjacent to national route 55, part of the national cycle network. It should be noted that education facilities and services within the town have adequate supply at present but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site, on the border of the settlement boundary, should provide residents with good access to the open countryside and help to support healthy lifestyles. However, the site is more than 1,200m from a GP surgery. It should be noted that supply for health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and this is expected to worsen in the future without additional investment. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD083)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 40 dwellings, and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 1,200m of the town centre of Biddulph but more than 1,200m from a GP surgery. The site is within the open countryside which should increase access to the towns Green Infrastructure. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However, the site is within 1,200m of the town centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs?	Part of the site is located within a flood zone 3 area and, as such, it can be considered that the site would be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this objective.	--

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD083)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?		
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is within 1,000m of Biddulph Valley Way (Whitemoor) (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered that development could have an effect, albeit limited, on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has mostly low biodiversity value overall in terms of the species poor grassland area but has some fairly biodiverse areas to the south and west. The site is directly adjacent to a housing estate to the east but is directly connected to more diverse habitats to the south and west and further connections to the north with a small copse and species poor hedgerow. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic	The site is within 400m of grade I Biddulph Grange Gardens, one grade II* listed asset, the Church of St. Lawrence and Coffin Lids and Benches	-/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD083)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? ● Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	on South Side, a scheduled monument and seven grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	● Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? ● Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? ● Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and would reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there would be scope for effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	● Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? ● Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district. However, the increased population of both the town and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	● Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? ● Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Biddulph and the wider District. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	● Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? ● Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	● Help meet the employment needs of local people? ● Help increase economic activity levels?	The site is within 500m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment	++

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD083)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 40 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as could the site's proximity to areas of existing employment. The site is also accessible to existing services and facilities which is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is partly located within a flood zone which is likely to have a significant negative effect. the development of greenfield land, grade 4 ALC and the site's proximity to heritage assets and an LNR are assessed as having a negative effect.			

Table 15.58

BD087

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD087)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	SOCIAL		
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The site borders the settlement boundary of Biddulph but is outside of the boundary. The development of this site, a greenfield site that is set within the open countryside, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership,	As noted, the site is outside of the settlement boundary of Biddulph. The site would be within 800m of a wide range of services and facilities but not within 400m of the town centre of Biddulph. For example, the site in proximity to Woodhouse Middle School. It should be noted that education facilities and services within the town have adequate supply	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD087)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? ● Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	at present but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	● Help improve health or access to health facilities? ● Help promote healthy lifestyles? ● Help to reduce health inequalities? ● Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site, on the border of the settlement boundary, should provide residents with good access to the open countryside and help to support healthy lifestyles. However, the site is more than 1,200m from a GP surgery. It should be noted that supply for health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and this is expected to worsen in the future without additional investment. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	● Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? ● Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	● Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? ● Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? ● Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 25 dwellings, and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	● Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? ● Support the use of public transport? ● Support safe walking and cycling? ● Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 1,200m of the town centre of Biddulph but more than 1,200m from a GP surgery. The site is within the open countryside which should increase access to the towns Green Infrastructure. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
ENVIRONMENTAL			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD087)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However, the site is within 1,200m of the town centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	Part of the site is located within a flood zone 3 area and, as such, it can be considered that the site would be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this objective.	--
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is within 1,000m of Biddulph Valley Way (Whitemoor) (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered that development could have an effect, albeit limited, on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has mostly low biodiversity value overall in terms of the species poor grassland area, but has been assigned ecological value due to the potential presence of reptile populations. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD087)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m of grade I Biddulph Grange Gardens, three grade II* listed assets, a scheduled monument and twenty five grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of these historical heritage assets and their setting. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and would reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there would be scope for effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district. However, the increased population of both the town and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD087)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Biddulph and the wider District. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 500m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 25 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as could the site's proximity to existing areas of employment. The site is also accessible to existing services and facilities which is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is partly located within a flood zone which is likely to have a significant negative effect. The development of greenfield land, grade 4 ALC and the site's proximity to heritage assets and an LNR is likely to have a negative effect, as could the site's ecological value.			

Table 15.59

BD109 & BD118

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD109 & BD118)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD109 & BD118)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The site borders the settlement boundary of Biddulph but is outside of the boundary. The development of this site, a greenfield site that is set within the open countryside, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	As noted, the site is located outside of the settlement boundary on the south east edge of Biddulph. The site is more than 1,200m away from the town centre which could result in existing services and facilities being inaccessible. It should be noted that education facilities and services within the town have adequate supply at present but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The sites location would provide good access to areas of open space and the countryside which could help to support healthy lifestyles. However, the site is more than 1,200m from a GP surgery. It should be noted that supply for health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and this is expected to worsen in the future without additional investment. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 26 dwellings, and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD109 & BD118)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?		
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted, the site is more than 1,200m from the town centre of Biddulph and a GP surgery this could be expected to increase the need to travel. However, the site is near to the open country side and an area of open space and a number of bus stops. Similarly, the development of this site may lead to the provision of additional public transport services. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However, the site is more than 1,200m from the town centre and could increase the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD109 & BD118)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is over 2,500m from both Roe Park Woods SSSI and Whitfield Valley (LNR), the nearest designated assets, and, as such, is considered to have no effect on these assets. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has low potential to support protected species as the habitats are species poor and poorly connected to other more biodiverse habitats, and therefore is given a low ecological importance. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as both urban ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. This site is also within a Minerals Consultation Area and development of this site would preclude any extraction of the minerals below. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is more than 400m away from any historical heritage asset, the nearest asset is grade II listed which is circa 650m to the north east of the site. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is limited scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD109 & BD118)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and would reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there would be scope for effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district. However, the increased population of both the town and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Biddulph and the wider District. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 500m of local employment provision and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects:			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD109 & BD118)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
The proposed delivery of circa 26 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. The site is also accessible to existing services, facilities and areas of existing employment as well as being located away from historic assets and a SSSI and LNR, as well as the site's low ecological value is likely to have a positive effect. However, the development of greenfield is assessed as having a negative effect.			

Table 15.60

BD110

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD110)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The site borders the settlement boundary of Biddulph but is outside of the boundary. The development of this site, a greenfield site that is set within the open countryside, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	Whilst the site is located on the outside of the settlement boundary, it is within 1,200m of the town centre and the wide range of key services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective residents of the site. For example, the site is in proximity to Oxhey First School. It should be noted that education facilities and services within the town have adequate supply at present but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles?	The location of this site, outside of the settlement boundary, should provide residents with good access to the open countryside and help	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD110)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	to support healthy lifestyles. However, the site is more than 1,200m from a GP surgery. It should be noted that supply for health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and this is expected to worsen in the future without additional investment. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 50 dwellings, and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 1,200m of the town centre of Biddulph and adjacent to the open countryside which should reduce the need to travel within the town. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However, the site is within 1,200m of the town centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD110)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is over 2,250m from Biddulph Valley Way (Whitemoor) (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have no effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site supports low biodiversity and poor connectivity therefore is attributed a low ecological importance. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD110)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is more than 400m from any historical heritage assets, the nearest designated asset is grade I listed Biddulph Grange Garden which is circa 950m to the north of the site. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is limited scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of this, or other, historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and would reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there would be scope for effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district. However, the increased population of both the town and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district. However, the increased population of both the town and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD110)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 1,000m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 50 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. The site is also accessible to existing services, facilities and areas of existing employment as well as being located away from historic assets and a SSSI and LNR, as well as the site's low ecological value is likely to have a positive effect. However, the development of greenfield land is assessed as having a negative effect.			

Table 15.61

BD131B

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD131B)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure?	The site borders the settlement boundary of Biddulph but is outside of the boundary. The development of this site, a greenfield site that is set within the open countryside, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD131B)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?		
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	As noted, the site is outside of the settlement boundary of Biddulph. The site would be within 1,200m of a wide range of services and facilities and the town centre of Biddulph. For example, the site is in proximity to James Bateman Junior High School and Knypersley High School. It should be noted that education facilities and services within the town have adequate supply at present but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site, on the border of the settlement boundary, should provide residents with good access to the open countryside and help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 1,200m of a GP surgery and in proximity to Knypersley Sports Club. It should be noted that supply for health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and this is expected to worsen in the future without additional investment. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 80 dwellings, and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion?	As noted previously, the site is within 1,200m of the town centre of Biddulph and a GP surgery and adjacent to the open countryside	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD131B)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	which should reduce the need to travel within the town. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However, the site is within 1,200m of the town centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	Part of the site is located within a flood zone 3 area and, as such, it can be considered that the site would be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this objective.	--
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites?	The site is more than 2,250m from Marshes Hill Common (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered that development could have no effect on this asset. This site has not been subject to an ecology survey, so the exact effects are uncertain. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD131B)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However the land has also been assessed as urban ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m of grade II* Knypersley Hall and one grade II listed asset, Stables, Coach Houses including Coachman's Cottage and Lodge North of Knypersley Hall. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness?	The site would avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and would reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there would be scope for effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD131B)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district. However, the increased population of both the town and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Biddulph and the wider District. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 500m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 80 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as could the site's proximity to existing areas of employment. The site is also accessible to existing services and facilities which is likely to have a positive effect. The development of greenfield land is assessed as having a negative effect, as could the site's proximity to historic assets.			

Table 15.62

BD134

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD134)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The site borders the settlement boundary of Biddulph but is outside of the boundary. The development of this site, a greenfield site that is set within the open countryside, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	Whilst the site is located on the outside of the settlement boundary, it is within 1,200m of the town centre and the wide range of key services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective residents of the site. For example, the site is in proximity to Oxhey First School. It should be noted that education facilities and services within the town have adequate supply at present but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site, outside of the settlement boundary, should provide residents with good access to the open countryside and help to support healthy lifestyles. However, the site is more than 1,200m from a GP surgery. It should be noted that supply for health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and this is expected to worsen in the future without additional investment. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD134)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 40 dwellings, and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 1,200m of the town centre of Biddulph and adjacent to the open countryside which should reduce the need to travel within the town. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However, the site is within 1,200m of the town centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD134)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?		
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is over 2,250m from Biddulph Valley Way (Whitemoor) (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have no effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that apart from roosting bats the site has little potential to support protected species and is poorly connected to the wider countryside, however the presence of six mature trees that have potential to support roosting bats elevates the site's ecological value. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic	The site is more than 400m from any historical heritage assets, the nearest designated asset is grade I listed Biddulph Grange Garden which is circa 1,100m to the north of the site. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is limited scope that development of this site	+/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD134)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? ● Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	could lead to the deterioration of the setting of this, or other, historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	● Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? ● Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? ● Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and would reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there would be scope for effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	● Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? ● Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The site would avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and would reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there would be scope for effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	● Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? ● Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the town centre of Biddulph has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Biddulph and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	● Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? ● Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD134)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 1,000m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 40 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. The site is also accessible to existing services, facilities and existing areas of employment is likely to have a positive effect, as could its distance away from historic assets. However, the development of greenfield land, grade 4 ALC is assessed as having a negative effect, as could the ecological value of the site.			

Table 15.63

BD138A

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD138A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The site borders the settlement boundary of Biddulph but is outside of the boundary. The development of this site, a greenfield site that is set within the open countryside, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due	Whilst the site is located on the outside of the settlement boundary, it is within 1,200m of the town centre and the wide range of key	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD138A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? ● Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective residents of the site. It should be noted that education facilities and services within the town have adequate supply at present but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	● Help improve health or access to health facilities? ● Help promote healthy lifestyles? ● Help to reduce health inequalities? ● Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site, outside of the settlement boundary, should provide residents with good access to the open countryside and help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 1,200m of a GP surgery. It should be noted that supply for health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and this is expected to worsen in the future without additional investment. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	● Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? ● Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	● Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? ● Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? ● Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 90 dwellings, and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	● Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? ● Support the use of public transport? ● Support safe walking and cycling? ● Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 1,200m of the town centre of Biddulph and a GP surgery and adjacent to the open countryside which should reduce the need to travel within the town. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD138A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However, the site is within 1,200m of the town centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is over 1,000m from Gannister Quarry SSSI, the nearest designated asset and, as such, is considered to have no effect on these asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has mostly low biodiversity value overall in terms of area and is directly adjacent to a housing estate and species poor grasslands, and poorly connected to the wider countryside which reduces the value of the site as a whole to bats and other species of wildlife. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD138A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	-
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m of one grade II listed asset. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and would reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there would be scope for effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district. However, the increased population of both the town and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD138A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the town centre of Biddulph has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Biddulph and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 500m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 90 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as could the site's proximity to existing areas of employment. The site is also accessible to existing services and facilities is likely to have a positive effect, as could its low biodiversity value of the site. However, the development of greenfield land, grade 4 ALC is assessed as having a negative effect, as could the site's location near to historic assets.			

Table 15.64

BD138B

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD138B)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD138B)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The site borders the settlement boundary of Biddulph but is outside of the boundary. The development of this site, a greenfield site that is set within the open countryside, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	Whilst the site is located on the outside of the settlement boundary, it is within 1,200m of the town centre and the wide range of key services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective residents of the site. It should be noted that education facilities and services within the town have adequate supply at present but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The sites location would provide good access to areas of open space and the countryside which could help to support healthy lifestyles. However, the site is more than 1,200m from a GP surgery. It should be noted that supply for health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and this is expected to worsen in the future without additional investment. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 76 dwellings, and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this	++

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD138B)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 1,200m of the town centre of Biddulph and adjacent to the open countryside which should reduce the need to travel within the town. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However, the site is within 1,200m of the town centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD138B)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is within 1,000m of Biddulph Valley Way (Whitemoor) (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered that development could have an effect, albeit limited, on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has mostly low biodiversity value overall in terms of area, is directly adjacent to a housing estate and species poor grasslands. However, the site has a species rich hedgerow which elevates the site's ecological importance. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m of one grade II listed asset. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD138B)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and would reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there would be scope for effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district. However, the increased population of both the town and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the town centre of Biddulph has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Biddulph and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 500m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects:			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD138B)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
The proposed delivery of circa 76 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as could the site's proximity to existing areas of employment. The site is also accessible to existing services and facilities is likely to have a positive effect. However, the development of greenfield land, grade 4 ALC is assessed as having a negative effect, as could the site's location near to historic assets and the ecological value of the site.			

Table 15.65

BD144

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD144)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The site borders the settlement boundary of Biddulph but is outside of the boundary. The development of this site, a greenfield site that is set within the open countryside, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	As noted, the site is located outside of the settlement boundary on the south east edge of Biddulph. The site is more than 1,200m away from the town centre which could result in existing services and facilities being inaccessible. It should be noted that education facilities and services within the town have adequate supply at present but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles?	The sites location would provide good access to areas of open space and the countryside which could help to support healthy lifestyles.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD144)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	However, the site is more than 1,200m from a GP surgery. It should be noted that supply for health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and this is expected to worsen in the future without additional investment. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 80 dwellings, and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted, the site is more than 1,200m from the town centre of Biddulph and a GP surgery this could be expected to increase the need to travel. However, the site is near to the open country side and an area of open space and a number of bus stops. Similarly, the development of this site may lead to the provision of additional public transport services. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However, the site is more than 1,200m from the town centre and could increase the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD144)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is over 2,250m from both Roe Park Woods SSSI and Whitfield Valley (LNR), the nearest designated assets, and, as such, is considered to have no effect on these assets. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site mostly has low potential to support protected species as the habitats are species poor and poorly connected to other more biodiverse habitats. However as the site has six mature trees on site or immediately adjacent that have potential to support roosting bats the site is deemed to have ecological value. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as both urban ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD144)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. This site is also within a Minerals Consultation Area and development of this site would preclude any extraction of the minerals below. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is more than 400m away from any historical heritage asset, the nearest asset is grade II listed which is circa 650m to the north east of the site. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is limited scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and would reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there would be scope for effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district. However, the increased population of both the town and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district. However, the increased population of both the town and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD144)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 500m of local employment provision and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 80 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. The site is also accessible to existing services, facilities and existing areas of employment is likely to have a positive effect, as could the site's distance away from historic assets. However, the development of greenfield land is assessed as having a negative effect, as could the site's ecological value.			

Table 15.66

ADD02

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (ADD02)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure?	The site is located outside of the existing town boundary and also outside of the draft new town boundary. The development of greenfield land within the open countryside could reduce the quality of the Green Infrastructure of the Town. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (ADD02)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?		
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	As noted, the site is located outside of the settlement boundary on the south edge of Biddulph. The site is more than 2,000m away from the town centre which could result in existing services and facilities being inaccessible. It should be noted that education facilities and services within the town have adequate supply at present but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The sites location would provide good access to areas of open space and the countryside which could help to support healthy lifestyles. However, the site is more than 2,000m from a GP surgery. It should be noted that supply for health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and this is expected to worsen in the future without additional investment. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the location and size of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 159 dwellings, and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport?	As noted, the site is more than 2,000m from the town centre of Biddulph and a GP surgery this could be expected to increase the need to travel. However, the site is near to the open country side and an area of open space and a number of bus stops. Similarly, the	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (ADD02)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	development of this site may lead to the provision of additional public transport services. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However, the site is more than 2,000m from the town centre and could increase the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is over 1,250m from Whitfield Valley (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have no effect on this asset. This site has not been subject to an ecology survey, so the exact effects are uncertain. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (ADD02)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is more than 400m away from any historical heritage asset. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is limited scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and would reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (ADD02)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district. However, the increased population of both the town and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district. However, the increased population of both the town and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 500m of local employment provision and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	++
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 159 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as could the site's proximity to areas of existing employment. The site's location away from designated and historic assets is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site's inaccessibility to services and facilities is likely to have a negative effect, as could the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land.			

Table 15.67

ADD03

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (ADD03)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The site borders the settlement boundary of Biddulph but is outside of the boundary. The development of this site, a greenfield site that is set within the open countryside, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	As noted, the site is outside of the settlement boundary of Biddulph. The site would be within 800m of a wide range of services and facilities. It should be noted that education facilities and services within the town have adequate supply at present but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site, on the border of the settlement boundary, should provide residents with good access to the open countryside and help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 800m of a GP surgery and is adjacent to national route 55, part of the national cycle network. It should be noted that supply for health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and this is expected to worsen in the future without additional investment. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (ADD03)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the location and size of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 372 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 800m of the town centre of Biddulph and a GP surgery and near to the open countryside this should reduce the need to travel within the town. Similarly, the site is located near to a number of bus stops. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However, the site is within 800m of the town centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (ADD03)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is over 1,250m from Roe Park Woods SSSI and Gannister Quarry SSSI, the nearest designated assets, and, as such, is considered to have no effect on these assets. This site has not been subject to an ecology survey, so the exact effects are uncertain. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as both grade 4 & urban ALC land so development of this site Could not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. This site is also within a Minerals Consultation Area and development of this site would preclude any extraction of the minerals below. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (ADD03)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	There is a grade II listed building on the site. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of these historical heritage assets and their setting. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and would reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there would be scope for effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district. However, the increased population of both the town and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Biddulph and the wider District. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (ADD03)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 500m of local employment provision and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 372 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. The site's location away from designated assets is likely to have a positive effect, as could the site's accessibility to services, facilities and areas of existing employment. However, the site's proximity to historic assets is likely to have a significant negative effect. The development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is considered to have a negative effect.			

Table 15.68

ADD04

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (ADD04)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The site borders the settlement boundary of Biddulph but is outside of the boundary. The development of this site, a greenfield site that is set within the open countryside, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due	As noted, the site is outside of the settlement boundary of Biddulph. The site would be within 1,200m of a wide range of services and	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (ADD04)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? ● Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	facilities and the town centre of Biddulph. For example, the site is in proximity to James Bateman Junior High School and Knypersley High School. It should be noted that education facilities and services within the town have adequate supply at present but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	● Help improve health or access to health facilities? ● Help promote healthy lifestyles? ● Help to reduce health inequalities? ● Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site, on the border of the settlement boundary, should provide residents with good access to the open countryside and help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 1,200m of a GP surgery and in proximity to Knypersley Sports Club. It should be noted that supply for health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and this is expected to worsen in the future without additional investment. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	● Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? ● Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	● Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? ● Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? ● Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the location and size of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 1,070 dwellings, and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	● Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? ● Support the use of public transport? ● Support safe walking and cycling? ● Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 1,200m of the town centre of Biddulph and a GP surgery and adjacent to the open countryside which should reduce the need to travel within the town. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (ADD04)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However, the site is within 1,200m of the town centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is within 2,000m from Marshes Hill Common (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered that development could have no effect on this asset. This site has not been subject to an ecology survey, so the exact effects are uncertain. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (ADD04)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?		
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site borders grade II* Knypersley Hall and one grade II listed asset, Stables, Coach Houses including Coachman's Cottage and Lodge North of Knypersley Hall as well as being within 400m of seven grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and would reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there would be scope for effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district. However, the increased population of both the town and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
ECONOMIC			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (ADD04)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Biddulph and the wider District. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 500m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 1,070 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as could the site's proximity to areas of existing employment. However, the site's proximity to historic assets is likely to have a significant negative effect. The development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is assessed as having a negative effect.			

Table 15.69

15.3 Cheadle

Sites (10+ dwellings) within the current development boundary

CH002A

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria -Does the site (CH002A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	SOCIAL		
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The site is located within the settlement boundary. The development of this site, a greenfield site, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	Given the location of this site, it can be considered that the site would be in proximity to a wide range of key services and facilities. It should be noted that the supply of community facilities and services is currently adequate but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles?	Given the location of this site, it can be considered that the site would be in proximity to a wide range of key services and facilities. It should be noted that the supply of community facilities and services is currently	++

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria -Does the site (CH002A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	adequate but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 26 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 800m of the town centre of Cheadle and a GP surgery and adjacent to the open countryside which should reduce the need to travel within the town. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 800m of the town centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria -Does the site (CH002A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	Part of the site is located within a flood zone 3 area and, as such, it can be considered that the site would be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this objective.	--
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site borders Cecilly Brook (LNR), a 1.25km stretch of Cecilly Brook through Cheadle which is one of the most important sites for water voles in Staffordshire. It could be considered that development of this site could lead to short-term disturbances of this habitat and possibly long term also. This would therefore have an adverse effect on the District's Green Infrastructure network. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site mainly has low potential to support protected species as the habitats are species poor and poorly connected to other more biodiverse habitats. However, the presence of species rich hedgerows and bat potential trees warrants the site being attributed ecological value. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. Similarly, the land has also been assessed as grade 3 ALC land so development of this site could result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria -Does the site (CH002A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?		
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is circa 450m away from a historical heritage asset. Although dependent on proposal specific information, there is limited scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of this historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and would reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there would be limited effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district. However, the increased population of both the town and District may have a positive effect. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural regeneration. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria -Does the site (CH002A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the town centre of Cheadle has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Cheadle and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 500m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 26 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as could the site's proximity to health care services and facilities and areas of existing employment. Similarly, the site's distance away from historic assets is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is partly within flood zone 2 and 3 which is likely to have a significant negative effect, as could the development of grade 3 ALC land and the site's proximity to designated assets.			

Table 15.70

CH002B

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria -Does the site (CH002B)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion?	The site is located within the settlement boundary and the redevelopment of this mixed brownfield and greenfield site could help to improve the social and environmental quality of the town centre.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria -Does the site (CH002B)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	Given the location of this site, within 800m of the town centre, it can be considered that the site would be in proximity to a wide range of key services and facilities. It should be noted that the supply of community facilities and services is currently adequate but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to the open countryside and areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 800m of a GP surgery. It should be noted that supply for health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and this is expected to worsen in the future without additional investment. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 42 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria -Does the site (CH002B)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 800m of the town centre of Cheadle and a GP surgery and adjacent to the open countryside which should reduce the need to travel within the town. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 800m of the town centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites?	The site is within 100m of Cecilly Brook (LNR), the nearest designated asset. It could be considered that development of this site could lead	--/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria -Does the site (CH002B)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	to short-term disturbances of this habitat and possibly long term also. This would therefore have an adverse effect on the District's Green Infrastructure network. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has potential to support protected species although the habitats are fairly species poor but are well connected to other more biodiverse habitats. As the site has buildings with potential to support roosting bats and a species rich hedgerow the site has been attributed ecological importance. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on brownfield and greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 3 ALC land so development of this site could result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	The development of this brownfield and greenfield site could enable the re-use of existing buildings. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development could incorporate sustainable materials. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is circa 550m away from a historical heritage asset. Although dependent on proposal specific information, there is limited scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of this historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria -Does the site (CH002B)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and would reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there would be limited effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district. However, the increased population of both the town and District may have a positive effect. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural regeneration. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the town centre of Cheadle has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Cheadle and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 500m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects:			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria -Does the site (CH002B)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
The proposed delivery of circa 42 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as could the site's proximity to services and facilities and areas of existing employment. Similarly, the site's distance away from historic assets is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site's proximity to a designated asset and the development of grade 3 ALC land is likely to have a significant negative effect.			

Table 15.71

CH003

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria -Does the site (CH003)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	SOCIAL		
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The site borders the settlement boundary of Cheadle but is inside the boundary. The development of this site, a greenfield site, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located within 1,200m of the town centre and the wide range of key services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective residents of the site. It should be noted that the supply of community facilities and services is currently adequate but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria -Does the site (CH003)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to the open countryside and help to support healthy lifestyles. However, the site is more than 1,200m from a GP surgery. It should be noted that supply for health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and this is expected to worsen in the future without additional investment. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 55 dwellings, and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 1,200m of the town centre of Cheadle and adjacent to the open countryside which should reduce the need to travel within the town. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However, the site is within 1,200m of the town centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria -Does the site (CH003)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	Part of the site is located within a flood zone 3 area and, as such, it can be considered that the site would be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this objective.	--
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is over 1,000m from Cecilly Brook (LNR, the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have no effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has potential for protected species to be present due to the mosaic of habitats and habitat structure present, especially as the site is well connected to the wider countryside, combined with the complex nature and size of the site warrants the site to be attributed ecological importance. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria -Does the site (CH003)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is circa 650m away from a historical heritage asset. Although dependent on proposal specific information, there is limited scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of this historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and would reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there would be scope for effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district. However, the increased population of both the town and District may have a positive effect. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural regeneration. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the town centre of Cheadle has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Cheadle and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria -Does the site (CH003)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 500m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 55 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as could the site's proximity to areas of existing employment. Similarly, the site's distance away from historic assets is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is partly within a flood zone which is likely to have a significant negative effect. The development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is assessed as having a negative effect, as could the site's ecological importance.			

Table 15.72

CH004

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH004)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH004)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The site is within the settlement boundary of Cheadle. The development of this site, a greenfield site could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is within 1,200m of the town centre and the wide range of key services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective residents of the site. It should be noted that the supply of community facilities and services is currently adequate but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to the open countryside and help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 1,200m of a GP surgery. It should be noted that supply for health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and this is expected to worsen in the future without additional investment. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH004)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 45 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 1,200m of the town centre of Cheadle and a GP surgery and near to the open countryside which should reduce the need to travel within the town. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	As noted previously, the site is within 1,200m of the town centre of Cheadle and a GP surgery and adjacent to the open countryside which should reduce the need to travel within the town. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH004)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?		
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is within 550m of Cecilly Brook (LNR), the nearest designated asset. It could be considered that development of this site could possibly have an effect on this site, however these would be limited. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has low potential to support protected species as the habitats are species poor and poorly connected to other more biodiverse habitats, though as species rich hedgerows are present the site is considered as having ecological value. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. Similarly, the land has also been assessed as grade 3 ALC land so development of this site could result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns	The site is circa 500m away from a grade II listed asset. Although dependent on proposal specific information, there is limited scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of this historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH004)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?		
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and would reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there would be scope for effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district. However, the increased population of both the town and District may have a positive effect. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural regeneration. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the town centre of Cheadle has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Cheadle and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels?	The site is within 1,000m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH004)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?		
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 45 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's distance away from historic assets is likely to have a positive effect as could the accessibility to services, facilities and areas of existing employment. However, the development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land is assessed as having a significant negative effect. The ecological value of the site is likely to have a negative effect.			

Table 15.73

CH006

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH006)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	SOCIAL		
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The site is located within the settlement boundary. The development of this site, a greenfield site, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender	The site is located within the settlement boundary and is within 800m of the town centre and the wide range of key services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective residents of the site.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH006)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	It should be noted that the supply of community facilities and services is currently adequate but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to the open countryside and areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 800m of a GP surgery. It should be noted that supply for health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and this is expected to worsen in the future without additional investment. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 45 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 800m of the town centre of Cheadle and a GP surgery and adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the town. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH006)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 800m of the town centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	Part of the site is located within a flood zone 3 area and, as such, it can be considered that the site would be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this objective.	--
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is within circa 60m of Cecilly Brook (LNR), the nearest designated asset. It could be considered that development of this site could lead to short-term disturbances of this habitat and possibly long term also. This would therefore have an adverse effect on the District's Green Infrastructure network. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has potential to support protected species although the habitats are species poor but are well connected to other more biodiverse habitats. Therefore the mosaic of habitats and trees with bat potential constitute the site being given ecological importance. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain	--/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH006)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. Similarly, the land has also been assessed as grade 3 ALC land so development of this site could result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is circa 500m away from two grade II listed assets. Although dependent on proposal specific information, there is limited scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of this historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and would reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there would be limited effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH006)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district. However, the increased population of both the town and District may have a positive effect. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural regeneration. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the town centre of Cheadle has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Cheadle and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 500m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 45 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as could the site's accessibility to areas of existing employment. Similarly, the site's distance away from historic assets is likely to have a positive effect as could the accessibility to services and facilities. However, the development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land is assessed as having a significant negative effect, as could the site's partial location within a flood zone and proximity to a designated asset.			

Table 15.74

CH009

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH009)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The site is located within the settlement boundary and the redevelopment of this mixed brownfield and greenfield site could help to improve the social and environmental quality of the town centre. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	Given the location of this site, it can be considered that the site would be in proximity to a wide range of key services and facilities. It should be noted that the supply of community facilities and services is currently adequate but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to the open countryside and areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 400m of a GP surgery. It should be noted that supply for health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and this is expected to worsen in the future without additional investment. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH009)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 16 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the town centre of Cheadle and a GP surgery and adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the town. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 400m of the town centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH009)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is within circa 85m of Cecilly Brook (LNR), the nearest designated asset. It could be considered that development of this site could lead to short-term disturbances of this habitat and possibly long term also. This would therefore have an adverse effect on the District's Green Infrastructure network. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has fairly low biodiversity value overall and is set within a mainly urban environment with some connectivity to the wider countryside through a species rich hedgerow. The combination of the species rich hedgerow and buildings/ tree with bat potential constitutes the site as having ecological value. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. Similarly, the land has also been assessed as grade 3 ALC land so development of this site could result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	The development of this brownfield and greenfield site could enable the re-use of existing buildings. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development could incorporate sustainable materials. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH009)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m of five grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and would reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there would be limited effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district. However, the increased population of both the town and District may have a positive effect. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural regeneration. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the town centre of Cheadle has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Cheadle and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH009)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 500m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The site's accessibility to services, facilities and areas of existing employment is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the proposed delivery of circa 16 dwellings is likely to have a positive effect. However, the development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land is assessed as having a significant negative effect, as could the site's proximity to designated assets. The site's proximity to historic assets is likely to have a negative effect.			

Table 15.75

CH013

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH013)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	SOCIAL		
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is set just outside of the town centre could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH013)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the town centre, is within 400m of the town centre and the wide range of key services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective residents of the site, the site borders The Cheadle Academy and is within proximity of other primary and secondary schools. It should be noted that the supply of community facilities and services is currently adequate but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 400m of a GP surgery. It should be noted that supply for health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and this is expected to worsen in the future without additional investment. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 50 dwellings, and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the town centre of Cheadle and adjacent to an area of open space as well as 800m from a GP surgery which should reduce the need to travel within the town. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH013)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 400m of the town centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is within 800m of Cecilly Brook (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have an effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site itself has two trees and four buildings which are considered to have bat roosting potential, and species poor hedgerows which are fairly isolated from other habitats. The site has therefore been deemed to have ecological value. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH013)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m of thirty eight grade II listed assets and one grade I listed asset, the Roman Catholic Church of St. Giles. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of these historical heritage assets and their setting. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and would reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there would be scope for effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH013)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district. However, the increased population of both the town and District may have a positive effect. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural regeneration. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the town centre of Cheadle has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Cheadle and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 1,000m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 50 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services, facilities and areas of existing employment is likely to have a positive effect. However, the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is assessed as having a negative effect, as could the ecological value of the site and its proximity to historic assets.			

Table 15.76

CH015

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH015)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The site is located on the edge of the town centre, the redevelopment of this brownfield site could help to improve the social and environmental quality of the town centre. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is within 400m of the town centre and the wide range of key services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective residents of the site. It should be noted that the supply of community facilities and services is currently adequate but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to the open countryside and areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 400m of a GP surgery. It should be noted that supply for health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and this is expected to worsen in the future without additional investment. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH015)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 32 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the town centre of Cheadle and a GP surgery and adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the town. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 800m of the town centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. It should be noted that the site is within 100m of a candidate AQMA. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH015)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is within 400m of Cecilly Brook (LNR), the nearest designated asset. It could be considered that development of this site could possibly have an effect on this site, however these would be limited. This would therefore have an adverse effect on the District's Green Infrastructure network. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site itself has two trees and four buildings which are considered to have bat roosting potential, and species poor hedgerows which are fairly isolated from other habitats. The site has therefore been deemed to have ecological value. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on brownfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	The development of this brownfield site could enable the re-use of existing buildings. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development could incorporate sustainable materials. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH015)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m of twenty four grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and would reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there would be limited effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district. However, the increased population of both the town and District may have a positive effect. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural regeneration. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the town centre of Cheadle has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Cheadle and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH015)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 1,000m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 32 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services, facilities and areas of existing employment is likely to have a positive effect, as could the development of brownfield land. However, the ecological value of the site and its proximity to a LNR, candidate AQMA and historic assets is likely to have a negative effect.			

Table 15.77

CH020

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH020)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	SOCIAL		
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The site is in proximity to the west side of the settlement boundary of Cheadle but is inside the boundary. The development of this site, a mixed brownfield and greenfield site could help to improve the social and environmental quality of the town centre. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH020)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located within the settlement boundary and is within 800m of the town centre and the wide range of key services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective residents of the site. It should be noted that the supply of community facilities and services is currently adequate but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to the open countryside and help to support healthy lifestyles. However, the site is more than 1,200m from a GP surgery. It should be noted that supply for health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and this is expected to worsen in the future without additional investment. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 42 dwellings, and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 800m of the town centre of Cheadle and in proximity to the open countryside which should reduce the need to travel within the town. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH020)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 800m of the town centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	Part of the site is located within a flood zone 3 area and, as such, it can be considered that the site would be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this objective.	--
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is over 1,500m from Cecilly Brook (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have no effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site itself has one building that is deemed to have potential to support roosting bats, noxious weeds and a range of 'brownfield' habitats albeit fairly species poor in terms of floral diversity. However the fairly large size of the site and the potential to support protected species warrants being attributed ecological value. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH020)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on brownfield and greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	The development of this site could enable the re-use of existing buildings. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development could incorporate sustainable materials. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is circa 600m away from a grade II historical heritage asset. Although dependent on proposal specific information, there is limited scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of this historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and would reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there would be scope for effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH020)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district. However, the increased population of both the town and District may have a positive effect. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural regeneration. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the town centre of Cheadle has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Cheadle and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 500m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 42 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as could the site's proximity to areas of existing employment. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services and facilities is likely to have a positive effect, as could its location away from historic assets. However, the site is partly within a flood zone which is likely to have a significant negative effect. The ecological value of the site is likely to have a negative effect.			

Table 15.78

CH024

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH024)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The site is located within the settlement boundary and the redevelopment of this mixed brownfield and greenfield site could help to improve the social and environmental quality of the town centre. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located within the settlement boundary and is within 800m of the town centre and the wide range of key services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective residents of the site. It should be noted that the supply of community facilities and services is currently adequate but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to the open countryside and areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 800m of a GP surgery. It should be noted that supply for health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and this is expected to worsen in the future without additional investment. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH024)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 45 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 800m of the town centre of Cheadle and a GP surgery and adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the town. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 800m of the town centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk?	Part of the site is located within a flood zone 3 area and, as such, it can be considered that the site would be subject to risk from flooding.	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH024)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this objective.	
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site borders Cecilly Brook (LNR), a 1.25km stretch of Cecilly Brook through Cheadle which is one of the most important sites for water voles in Staffordshire. It could be considered that development of this site could lead to short-term disturbances of this habitat and possibly long term also. This would therefore have an adverse effect on the District's Green Infrastructure network. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has potential for protected species to be present mainly due to the proximity of the mosaic of stream habitats and good connectivity Cecily Brook Local Nature Reserve and the wider countryside, therefore is given ecological importance. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. Similarly, the land has also been assessed as grade 3 ALC land so development of this site could result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH024)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m of three grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and would reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there would be limited effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district. However, the increased population of both the town and District may have a positive effect. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural regeneration. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the town centre of Cheadle has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Cheadle and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH024)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 500m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 45 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as could the site's proximity to areas of existing employment. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services and facilities is likely to have a positive effect. However, the development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land is assessed as having a significant negative effect, as is its partial location within a flood zone. The ecological value of the site, its location near to a LNR, and its proximity to heritage assets are also assessed as negative effects.			

Table 15.79

15.3.1 Urban extension

Area 1 - CH001

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH001)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	SOCIAL		
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The site is located within the settlement boundary, albeit on the north east edge. The development of this site, a greenfield site, could be expected to have an effect on the Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located within the settlement boundary and is within 800m of the town centre and the wide range of key services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective residents of the site. Given the size of this site, there is scope that development could lead to additional services and facilities including health care. It should be noted that the supply of community facilities and services is currently adequate but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to the open countryside and areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 800m of a GP surgery. Again, given the size of this site, there is scope that development could lead to additional services and facilities including health care. It should be noted that supply for health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and this is expected to worsen	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH001)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
		in the future without additional investment. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 240 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 800m of the town centre of Cheadle and a GP surgery and adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the town. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 800m of the town centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH001)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is within 400m of Cecilly Brook (LNR), the nearest designated asset. This could therefore have an adverse effect on the District's Green Infrastructure network. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has low potential to support protected species as the habitats are species poor and fairly poorly connected to other more biodiverse habitats, therefore the site is attributed low ecological importance. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. Similarly, the land has also been assessed as grade 3 ALC land so development of this site could result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH001)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is circa 450m away from one grade II listed assets. Although dependent on proposal specific information, there is limited scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of this historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and would reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there would be scope for effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district. However, the increased population of both the town and District may have a positive effect. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural regeneration. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the town centre of Cheadle has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Cheadle and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH001)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 1,000m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 240 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services, facilities and areas of existing employment is likely to have a positive effect. Similarly, the site's location away from historic assets is likely to have a positive effect. However, the development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land is assessed as having a significant negative effect.			

Table 15.80

15.3.2 Other uses

Plus Core Strategy Broad Area EM1 - CH127

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH127)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	SOCIAL		
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The site borders the settlement boundary of Cheadle but is inside the boundary. The development of this site, a greenfield site, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located within 1,200m of the town centre and the wide range of key services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective employees of the site. It should be noted that the supply of community facilities and services is currently adequate but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide employees with good access to the open countryside and help to support healthy lifestyles. However, the site is more than 1,200m from a GP surgery. It should be noted that supply for health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and this is expected to worsen in the future without additional investment. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH127)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	This site has been proposed for employment uses with regards to this assessment. Therefore the development would provide no housing. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 1,200m of the town centre of Cheadle and adjacent to the open countryside which should reduce the need to travel within the town. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However, the site is within 1,200m of the town centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk?	Part of the site adjacent to the Brook is located in a flood zone area and it can be considered that the site would be subject to risk from	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH127)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this objective.	
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is over 1,250m from Cecilly Brook (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have no effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has species poor habitats present on site; however the surrounding habitats are potentially biodiverse and reptiles could be found along the sites boundaries, especially to the north and west. Therefore the site is given ecological importance due to its species rich hedgerow and potential to support reptile populations. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH127)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is circa 800m away from a grade II historical heritage asset. Although dependent on proposal specific information, there is limited scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of this historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and would reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there would be scope for effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact upon the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed employment use of this site provides scope for the development of this site to have a positive effect upon investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district, however this is dependent on proposal specific information. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural regeneration. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of an employment site within the town centre has the scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Cheadle and the wider District, as new employment could be expected to increase footfall in the nearby town centre. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this objective.	++

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH127)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The proposed development of an employment site within the town centre has the scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Cheadle and the wider District, as new employment could be expected to increase footfall in the nearby town centre. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this objective.	++
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is proximity to areas of existing local employment provision as well as new employment provision generated by this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this objective.	++
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The development of new employment premises should have a significant positive effect upon the vitality and viability of the District, strengthen economic growth and support a higher level of employment within the District. Similarly, the accessibility of other services and facilities and its location away from historic assets is likely to have a positive effect. However, the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land and its partial location within a flood zone are likely to have a negative effect as could the ecological value of the site.			

Table 15.81

Plus Core Strategy Broad Area EM2 - CH019

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH019)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH019)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The site borders the settlement boundary of Cheadle but is inside the boundary. The development of this site, a brownfield site, could help to improve the social and environmental quality of the town centre. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located within 2,000m of the town centre and the wide range of key services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective employees of the site. It should be noted that the supply of community facilities and services is currently adequate but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide employees with good access to the open countryside and help to support healthy lifestyles. However, the site is more than 1,200m from a GP surgery. It should be noted that supply for health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and this is expected to worsen in the future without additional investment. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective, with scope for negative effects.	0
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH019)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	This site has been proposed for employment uses with regards to this assessment. Therefore the development would provide no housing. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 2,000m of the town centre of Cheadle and adjacent to the open countryside which should reduce the need to travel within the town. Similarly, the site is within 650m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. Similarly, the site is more than 1,200m from the town centre and could increase the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH019)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? ● Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?		
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	● Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? ● Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? ● Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is over 2,250m from Cecilly Brook (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have no effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has very low biodiversity value overall, however due to the high quality of the surrounding broadleaved woodland and the pond within 250m this industrial site could be utilised by amphibians and reptiles. Nonetheless the site is still deemed to have low ecological value. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	● Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? ● Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? ● Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? ● Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? ● Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on brownfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	● Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? ● Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? ● Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	The development of this brownfield site could enable the re-use of existing buildings within the town centre. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development could incorporate sustainable materials. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	● Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? ● Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns	The site is circa 1,000m away from a grade II historical heritage asset. Although dependent on proposal specific information, there is limited scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of this historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH019)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?		
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and would reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there would be scope for effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact upon the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed employment use of this site provides scope for the development of this site to have a positive effect upon investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district, however this is dependent on proposal specific information. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural regeneration. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of an employment site within the town centre has the scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Cheadle and the wider District, as new employment could be expected to increase footfall in the nearby town centre. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this objective.	++
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site and the proposed employment use of the site could be considered to have a positive effect on businesses and the residents of Cheadle as it could strengthen and diversify the economy. Overall, this has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels?	The site is proximity to areas of existing local employment provision as well as new employment provision generated by this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this objective.	++

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH019)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?		
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The development of new employment premises should have a significant positive effect upon the vitality and viability of the District, strengthen economic growth and support a higher level of employment within the District. Similarly, the low ecological value of the site, the development of brownfield land and its location away from historic assets is likely to have a positive effect.			

Table 15.82

CH143

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH143)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	SOCIAL		
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The site is within the settlement boundary of Cheadle, albeit near to the south west edge. The development of this site, a greenfield site, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender	The site is located within 1,200m of the town centre and the wide range of key services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective employees of the site. It should be noted that the supply	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH143)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	of community facilities and services is currently adequate but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide employees with good access to the open countryside and help to support healthy lifestyles. However, the site is more than 1,200m from a GP surgery. It should be noted that supply for health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and this is expected to worsen in the future without additional investment. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	This site has been proposed for employment uses with regards to this assessment. Therefore the development would provide no housing. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 1,200m of the town centre of Cheadle and adjacent to the open countryside which should reduce the need to travel within the town. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH143)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However, the site is within 1,200m of the town centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is over 1,250m from Cecilly Brook (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have no effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has potential for protected species to be present due to the mosaic of habitats and habitat structure present, especially as the site is well connected to the wider countryside. Therefore the site is considered to have ecological value. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH143)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is circa 750m away from a grade II historical heritage asset. Although dependent on proposal specific information, there is limited scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of this historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and would reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there would be scope for effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact upon the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed employment use of this site provides scope for the development of this site to have a positive effect upon investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district, however this is dependent on proposal specific information. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH143)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
		rural regeneration. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of an employment site within the town centre has the scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Cheadle and the wider District, as new employment could be expected to increase footfall in the nearby town centre. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this objective.	++
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site and the proposed employment use of the site could be considered to have a positive effect on businesses and the residents of Cheadle as it could strengthen and diversify the economy. Overall, this has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is proximity to areas of existing local employment provision as well as new employment provision generated by this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this objective.	++
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The development of new employment premises should have a significant positive effect upon the vitality and viability of the District, strengthen economic growth and support a higher level of employment within the District. Similarly, its location away from historic assets is likely to have a positive effect as could its accessibility to services and facilities. However, the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is likely to have a negative effect as could the ecological value of the site.			

Table 15.83

15.3.3 Sites outside the development boundary

CH073A

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH073A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	SOCIAL		
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The site is remote and located outside of the settlement boundary within the open countryside. The development of this site, a greenfield site, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located within 1,200m of the town centre and the wide range of key services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective residents of the site. It should be noted that the supply of community facilities and services is currently adequate but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to the open countryside and help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 800m of a GP surgery. It should be noted that supply for health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and this is expected to worsen in the future without additional investment. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH073A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 90 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 1,200m of the town centre of Cheadle and within to the open countryside which should reduce the need to travel within the town. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 800m of the town centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH073A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is in proximity to Hales Hall Pool (LNR), the nearest designated asset. It could be considered that development of this site could lead to short-term disturbances of this habitat and possibly long term also. This would therefore have an adverse effect on the District's Green Infrastructure network. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that despite ponds being located in proximity there have been no European protected species recorded within 2km. The site has low potential to support protected species as the habitats are species poor but not connected to Hales Hall Pool LNR. However, the site is connected to other habitats by the species rich hedgerow and trees with bat potential which enables the site to be attributed ecological value. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. Similarly, the land has also been assessed as grade 3 ALC land so development of this site could result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH073A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m of one grade II* listed asset and one grade II asset. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and would reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district. However, the increased population of both the town and District may have a positive effect. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural regeneration. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the town centre of Cheadle has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Cheadle and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH073A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 500m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 90 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as could the accessibility to areas of existing employment. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services and facilities is likely to have a positive effect. However, the development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land is assessed as having a significant negative effect. The ecological value of the site and its location near to a LNR and historic assets is likely to have a negative effect.			

Table 15.84

CH073B

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH073B)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH073B)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The site is located outside of the settlement boundary within the open countryside. The development of this site, a greenfield site, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located within 800m of the town centre and the wide range of key services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective residents of the site. It should be noted that the supply of community facilities and services is currently adequate but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to the open countryside and areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 800m of a GP surgery. It should be noted that supply for health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and this is expected to worsen in the future without additional investment. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH073B)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 114 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 800m of the town centre of Cheadle and a GP surgery and within the open countryside which should reduce the need to travel within the town. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 800m of the town centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH073B)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? ● Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?		
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	● Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? ● Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? ● Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is within 200m of Cecilly Brook (LNR), the nearest designated asset. It could be considered that development of this site could lead to short-term disturbances of this habitat and possibly long term also. This would therefore have an adverse effect on the District's Green Infrastructure network. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site mainly has low potential to support protected species as the habitats are species poor and poorly connected to other more biodiverse habitats. However, the presence of species rich hedgerows and bat potential trees warrants the site being attributed ecological value. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	● Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? ● Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? ● Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? ● Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? ● Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. Similarly, the land has also been assessed as grade 3 ALC land so development of this site could result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	● Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? ● Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? ● Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and	● Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural	The site is within circa 650m of one grade II listed asset. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is limited scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of this historical	+/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH073B)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
archaeological assets along with their settings.	and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and would reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district. However, the increased population of both the town and District may have a positive effect. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural regeneration. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the town centre of Cheadle has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Cheadle and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH073B)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 500m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 114 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as could the accessibility to areas of existing employment. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services and facilities is likely to have a positive effect as could its location away from historic assets. However, the development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land is assessed as having a significant negative effect, as could the site's proximity to designated assets.			

Table 15.85

CH073C

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH073C)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	SOCIAL		
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The site is remote and located outside of the settlement boundary within the open countryside. The development of this site, a greenfield site, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH073C)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located within 1,200m of the town centre and the wide range of key services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective residents of the site. It should be noted that the supply of community facilities and services is currently adequate but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to the open countryside and help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 800m of a GP surgery. It should be noted that supply for health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and this is expected to worsen in the future without additional investment. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment methodology, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 90 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 1,200m of the town centre of Cheadle and within to the open countryside which should reduce the need to travel within the town. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH073C)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 1,200m of the town centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is within 200m of Hales Hall Pool (LNR), the nearest designated asset. It could be considered that development of this site could lead to short-term disturbances of this habitat and possibly long term also. This would therefore have an adverse effect on the District's Green Infrastructure network. This site has not been subject to an ecology survey, so the exact effects are uncertain. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH073C)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. Similarly, the land has also been assessed as grade 3 ALC land so development of this site could result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 500m of one grade II* listed asset and one grade II asset. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is limited scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and would reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH073C)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district. However, the increased population of both the town and District may have a positive effect. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural regeneration. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the town centre of Cheadle has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Cheadle and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,000m to existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 90 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services and facilities is likely to have a positive effect as could its location away from historic assets. However, the development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land and proximity to designated assets is assessed as having a significant negative effect. The site's inaccessibility to areas of existing employment is likely to have a negative effect.			

Table 15.86

CH073D

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH073D)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The site is located outside of the settlement boundary, albeit with a small part of the site abutting the settlement boundary, within the open countryside. The development of this site, a greenfield site, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located within 1,200m of the town centre and the wide range of key services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective residents of the site. It should be noted that the supply of community facilities and services is currently adequate but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to the open countryside and areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 800m of a GP surgery. It should be noted that supply for health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and this is expected to worsen in the future without additional investment. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH073D)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 77 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 1,200m of the town centre of Cheadle, 800m from a GP surgery and within the open countryside which should reduce the need to travel within the town. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 1,200m of the town centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH073D)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is within 300m of Cecilly Brook (LNR), the nearest designated asset. This would therefore have an adverse effect on the District's Green Infrastructure network. This site has not been subject to an ecology survey, so the exact effects are uncertain. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. Similarly, the land has also been assessed as grade 3 ALC land so development of this site could result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural	The site is within circa 700m of one grade II listed asset. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is limited scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of this historical	+/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH073D)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
archaeological assets along with their settings.	and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and would reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district. However, the increased population of both the town and District may have a positive effect. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural regeneration. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district. However, the increased population of both the town and District may have a positive effect. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural regeneration. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH073D)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 1,000m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 77 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services, facilities and areas of existing employment is likely to have a positive effect as could its location away from historic assets. However, the development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land is assessed as having a significant negative effect. The site's location near to a LNR is likely to have a negative effect.			

Table 15.87

CH073E

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH073E)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	SOCIAL		
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The site is remote and located outside of the settlement boundary within the open countryside. The development of this site, a greenfield site, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH073E)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located within 1,200m of the town centre and the wide range of key services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective residents of the site. It should be noted that the supply of community facilities and services is currently adequate but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to the open countryside and help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 1,200m of a GP surgery. It should be noted that supply for health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and this is expected to worsen in the future without additional investment. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 140 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 1,200m of the town centre of Cheadle and within to the open countryside which should reduce the need to travel within the town. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH073E)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 1,200m of the town centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is within 400m of Hales Hall Pool (LNR) and Cecilly Brook (LNR), the nearest designated assets. It could be considered that development of this site could lead to short-term disturbances of this habitat and possibly long term also. This would therefore have an adverse effect on the District's Green Infrastructure network. This site has not been subject to an ecology survey, so the exact effects are uncertain. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH073E)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. Similarly, the land has also been assessed as grade 3 ALC land so development of this site could result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 550m of one grade II* listed asset. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and would reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH073E)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district. However, the increased population of both the town and District may have a positive effect. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural regeneration. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the town centre of Cheadle has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Cheadle and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,000m to existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 140 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services and facilities is likely to have a positive effect as could its location away from historic assets. However, the development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land is assessed as having a significant negative effect as could the remote nature of this site within the open countryside. The site's inaccessibility to areas of existing employment and proximity to designated assets is likely to have a negative effect.			

Table 15.88

CH075A

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH075A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	SOCIAL		
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The site is located on the outside of the settlement boundary within the open countryside. The development of this site, a greenfield site, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located within 1,200m of the town centre and the wide range of key services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective residents of the site. It should be noted that the supply of community facilities and services is currently adequate but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to the open countryside and areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 800m of a GP surgery. It should be noted that supply for health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and this is expected to worsen in the future without additional investment. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH075A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 50 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 1,200m of the town centre of Cheadle, 800m from a GP surgery and within the open countryside which should reduce the need to travel within the town. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 1,200m of the town centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH075A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is within 250m of Cecilly Brook (LNR), the nearest designated asset. This would therefore have an adverse effect on the District's Green Infrastructure network. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has fairly poor biodiversity and is poorly connected to other more biodiverse habitats. However, the site has a species rich hedgerow so therefore is afforded ecological value. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. Similarly, the land has also been assessed as grade 3 ALC land so development of this site could result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns /	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural	The site is within circa 600m of one grade II* listed asset. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is limited scope that development	+/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH075A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? ● Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of this historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	● Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? ● Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? ● Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and would reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	● Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? ● Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district. However, the increased population of both the town and District may have a positive effect. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural regeneration. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	● Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? ● Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the town centre of Cheadle has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Cheadle and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	● Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? ● Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH075A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 1,000m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 50 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services, facilities and areas of existing employment is likely to have a positive effect as could its location away from historic assets. However, the development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land is assessed as having a significant negative effect, as could the site's location near to a Local Nature Reserve.			

Table 15.89

CH075B

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH075B)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	SOCIAL		
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The site is located on the outside of the settlement boundary within the open countryside. The development of this site, a greenfield site, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH075B)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located within 1,200m of the town centre and the wide range of key services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective residents of the site. It should be noted that the supply of community facilities and services is currently adequate but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to the open countryside and areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 1,200m of a GP surgery. It should be noted that supply for health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and this is expected to worsen in the future without additional investment. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 60 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 1,200m of the town centre of Cheadle and a GP surgery and within the open countryside which should reduce the need to travel within the town. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH075B)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 1,200m of the town centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is within 400m of Cecilly Brook (LNR), the nearest designated asset. This would therefore have an adverse effect on the District's Green Infrastructure network. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has district potential to support protected species despite the majority of the area being species poor habitats. However, the site is connected to other more biodiverse habitats, has a small pond and a large quantity of trees with potential to support roosting bats and therefore as a whole is attributed ecological value. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH075B)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. Similarly, the land has also been assessed as grade 3 ALC land so development of this site could result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within circa 500m of one grade II* listed asset. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is limited scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of this historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and would reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH075B)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district. However, the increased population of both the town and District may have a positive effect. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural regeneration. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the town centre of Cheadle has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Cheadle and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,000m to existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 60 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services and facilities is likely to have a positive effect as could its location away from historic assets. However, the development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land is assessed as having a significant negative effect, as could the site's proximity to designated assets. The site's inaccessibility to areas of existing employment is likely to have a negative effect.			

Table 15.90

CH075C

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH075C)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The site is remote and located on the outside of the settlement boundary within the open countryside. The development of this site, a greenfield site, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located within 1,200m of the town centre and the wide range of key services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective residents of the site. It should be noted that the supply of community facilities and services is currently adequate but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The site is located within 1,200m of the town centre and the wide range of key services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective residents of the site. It should be noted that the supply of community facilities and services is currently adequate but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH075C)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 125 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 1,200m of the town centre of Cheadle and a GP surgery and within the open countryside which should reduce the need to travel within the town. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 1,200m of the town centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH075C)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is within circa 200m of Cecilly Brook (LNR), the nearest designated asset. It could be considered that development of this site could lead to short-term disturbances of this habitat and possibly long term also. This would therefore have an adverse effect on the District's Green Infrastructure network. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has district potential to support protected species despite the majority of the area being species poor habitats. However, the site is connected to other more biodiverse habitats, has a small pond and a large quantity of trees with potential to support roosting bats and therefore as a whole is attributed ecological value. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. Similarly, the land has also been assessed as grade 3 ALC land so development of this site could result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH075C)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m of one grade II* listed asset. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is limited scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of this historical heritage asset. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and would reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district. However, the increased population of both the town and District may have a positive effect. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural regeneration. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the town centre of Cheadle has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Cheadle and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH075C)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,000m to existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 125 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services and facilities is likely to have a positive effect. However, the development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land and the site's proximity to designated assets is assessed as having a significant negative effect. The site's inaccessibility to areas of existing employment is likely to have a negative effect.			

Table 15.91

CH075D

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH075D)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	SOCIAL		
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The site is located on the outside of the settlement boundary within the open countryside. The development of this site, a greenfield site, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership,	The site is located within 1,200m of the town centre and the wide range of key services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective residents of the site. For example, the site is in proximity to South Moorlands Leisure Centre. It should be noted that the supply of community facilities and services is currently adequate but it is	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH075D)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to the open countryside and areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 800m of a GP surgery. It should be noted that supply for health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and this is expected to worsen in the future without additional investment. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 45 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 1,200m of the town centre of Cheadle and 800m from a GP surgery and within the open countryside which should reduce the need to travel within the town. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH075D)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 1,200m of the town centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is within 150m of Cecilly Brook (LNR), the nearest designated asset. It could be considered that development of this site could lead to short-term disturbances of this habitat and possibly long term also. This would therefore have an adverse effect on the District's Green Infrastructure network. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has district potential to support protected species despite the majority of the area being species poor habitats. However, the site is connected to other more biodiverse habitats, has a small pond and a large quantity of trees with potential to support roosting bats and therefore as a whole is attributed ecological value. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH075D)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. Similarly, the land has also been assessed as grade 3 ALC land so development of this site could result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m of one grade II* listed asset. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is limited scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of this historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and would reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH075D)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district. However, the increased population of both the town and District may have a positive effect. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural regeneration. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the town centre of Cheadle has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Cheadle and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 1,000m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 45 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services, facilities and areas of existing employment is likely to have a positive effect. However, the development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land and proximity to designated assets is assessed as having a significant negative effect.			

Table 15.92

CH076A

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH076A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	SOCIAL		
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The site is located on the outside edge of the settlement boundary within the open countryside. The development of this site, a greenfield site, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located within 1,200m of the town centre and the wide range of key services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective residents of the site. It should be noted that the supply of community facilities and services is currently adequate but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to the open countryside and areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 800m of a GP surgery. It should be noted that supply for health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and this is expected to worsen in the future without additional investment. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH076A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 100 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 1,200m of the town centre of Cheadle and 800m from a GP surgery and within the open countryside which should reduce the need to travel within the town. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 1,200m of the town centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk?	Part of the site is located within a flood zone 3 area and, as such, it can be considered that the site would be subject to risk from flooding.	--

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH076A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this objective.	
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is within 200m of Cecilly Brook (LNR), the nearest designated asset. It could be considered that development of this site could lead to short-term disturbances of this habitat and possibly long term also. This site has not been subject to an ecology survey, so the exact effects are uncertain. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. Similarly, the land has also been assessed as grade 3 ALC land so development of this site could result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural	The site is within 75m of one grade II* listed asset. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the historical heritage assets and	-/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH076A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
archaeological assets along with their settings.	and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	its setting. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and would reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district. However, the increased population of both the town and District may have a positive effect. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural regeneration. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the town centre of Cheadle has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Cheadle and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH076A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,000m to existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 100 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services and facilities is likely to have a positive effect. However, the development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land is assessed as having a significant negative effect as could the site's partial location within flood zone 2 and 3. The site's location near to designated and historic assets and the inaccessibility of areas of existing employment is likely to have a negative effect.			

Table 15.93

CH076B

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH076B)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	SOCIAL		
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The site is remote and located on the outside of the settlement boundary within the open countryside. The development of this site, a greenfield site, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH076B)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located within 1,200m of the town centre and the wide range of key services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective residents of the site. It should be noted that the supply of community facilities and services is currently adequate but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to the open countryside and areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 1,200m of a GP surgery. It should be noted that supply for health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and this is expected to worsen in the future without additional investment. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 110 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 1,200m of the town centre of Cheadle and a GP surgery and within the open countryside which should reduce the need to travel within the town. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH076B)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 1,200m of the town centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	Part of the site is located within a flood zone 3 area and, as such, it can be considered that the site would be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this objective.	--
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is within circa 350m of Cecilly Brook (LNR), the nearest designated asset. It could be considered that development of this site could lead to short-term disturbances of this habitat and possibly long term also. This site has not been subject to an ecology survey, so the exact effects are uncertain. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. Similarly, the land has also been assessed as grade 3 ALC land so	--/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH076B)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	development of this site could result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m of one grade II* listed asset. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is limited scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of this historical heritage asset. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and would reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district. However, the increased population of both the town and District may have a positive effect. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH076B)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
		regeneration. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the town centre of Cheadle has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Cheadle and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,000m to existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 110 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services and facilities is likely to have a positive effect. However, the development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land is assessed as having a significant negative effect as could the site's partial location within flood zone 2 and 3. The site's location near to a Local Nature Reserve and historic assets is likely to have a negative effect, as could the inaccessibility of areas of existing employment.			

Table 15.94

CH077A

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH077A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH077A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The site is located on the outside edge of the settlement boundary within the open countryside. The development of this site, a greenfield site, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located within 1,200m of the town centre and the wide range of key services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective residents of the site. It should be noted that the supply of community facilities and services is currently adequate but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to the open countryside and areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 800m of a GP surgery. It should be noted that supply for health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and this is expected to worsen in the future without additional investment. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH077A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 100 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 1,200m of the town centre of Cheadle and 800m from a GP surgery and within the open countryside which should reduce the need to travel within the town. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 1,200m of the town centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help	Part of the site is located within a flood zone 3 area and, as such, it can be considered that the site would be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this objective.	--

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH077A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? ● Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?		
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	● Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? ● Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? ● Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is within 200m of Cecilly Brook (LNR), the nearest designated asset. It could be considered that development of this site could lead to short-term disturbances of this habitat and possibly long term also. This would therefore have an adverse effect on the District's Green Infrastructure network. The Ecological Report (2015) notes that the site has very good potential for protected species to be present due to the habitat mosaic and good connectivity to other habitats, therefore is attributed ecological value. The site may be considered for classification as an SBI. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	● Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? ● Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? ● Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? ● Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? ● Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. Similarly, the land has also been assessed as grade 3 ALC land so development of this site could result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	● Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? ● Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? ● Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and	● Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural	The site is within 50m of one grade II* listed asset. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the historical heritage assets and	--/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH077A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
archaeological assets along with their settings.	and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	its setting. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and would reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district. However, the increased population of both the town and District may have a positive effect. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural regeneration. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the town centre of Cheadle has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Cheadle and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH077A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,000m to existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 100 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services and facilities is likely to have a positive effect. However, the development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land is assessed as having a significant negative effect as could the site's partial location within flood zone 2 and 3 and proximity to historic assets. Additionally, the site has ecological value and may be classed as a Site of Biological Importance which has a significant negative effect. The inaccessibility of areas of existing employment is likely to have a negative effect.			

Table 15.95

CH077B

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH077B)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	SOCIAL		
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The site is remote and located on the outside of the settlement boundary within the open countryside. The development of this site, a greenfield site, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH077B)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	As noted, the site is located outside of the settlement boundary on the south east edge of Cheadle. The site is more than 1,200m away from the town centre which could result in existing services and facilities being inaccessible. It should be noted that the supply of community facilities and services is currently adequate but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to the open countryside and areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 1,200m of a GP surgery. It should be noted that supply for health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and this is expected to worsen in the future without additional investment. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 105 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted, the site is more than 1,200m from the town centre and a GP surgery and near to the open country side and an area of open space and a number of bus stops. Similarly, the development of this site may lead to the provision of additional public transport services. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH077B)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. Similarly, the site is more than 1,200m from the town centre and could increase the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	Part of the site is located within a flood zone 3 area and, as such, it can be considered that the site would be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this objective.	--
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is within circa 400m of Cecilly Brook (LNR), the nearest designated asset. It could be considered that development of this site could lead to short-term disturbances of this habitat and possibly long term also. This would therefore have an adverse effect on the District's Green Infrastructure network. The Ecological Report (2015) notes that the site has very good potential for protected species to be present due to the habitat mosaic and good connectivity to other habitats, therefore is attributed ecological value. The site may be considered for being classed as an SBI. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been	--/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH077B)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
		assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective. however the exact effects are uncertain.	
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. Similarly, the land has also been assessed as grade 3 ALC land so development of this site could result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within circa 400m of one grade II* listed asset. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is limited scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of this historical heritage asset. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and would reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH077B)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district. However, the increased population of both the town and District may have a positive effect. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural regeneration. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the town centre of Cheadle has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Cheadle and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,000m to existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 105 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to health care services and facilities is likely to have a positive effect. However, the development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land is assessed as having a significant negative effect as could the site's partial location within flood zone 2 and 3. Additionally, the site has ecological value and may have potential for classification as a Site of Biological Importance which has a significant negative effect. The site's location near to historic assets is likely to have a negative effect, as could the inaccessibility of areas of existing employment.			

Table 15.96

CH080

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH080)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	SOCIAL		
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The site is located on the outside of the settlement boundary within the open countryside. The development of this site, a greenfield site, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	As noted, the site is located on the outside of the settlement boundary on the north east edge of Cheadle. The site is more than 1,200m away from the town centre which could result in existing services and facilities being inaccessible. It should be noted that the supply of community facilities and services is currently adequate but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to the open countryside and areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 1,200m of a GP surgery. It should be noted that supply for health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and this is expected to worsen in the future without additional investment. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH080)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 80 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 1,200m of the town centre of Cheadle and a GP surgery and adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the town. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. Similarly, the site is more than 1,200m from the town centre and could increase the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk?	Part of the site is located within a flood zone 3 area and, as such, it can be considered that the site would be subject to risk from flooding.	--

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH080)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this objective.	
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is within 400m of Hales Hall Pool (LNR), the nearest designated asset. It could be considered that development of this site could lead to short-term disturbances of this habitat and possibly long term also. This site has not been subject to an ecology survey, so the exact effects are uncertain. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. Similarly, the land has also been assessed as grade 3 ALC land so development of this site could result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural	The site is within 400m from one grade II listed assets. Although dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting	-/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH080)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
archaeological assets along with their settings.	and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? ● Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	of this historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	● Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? ● Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? ● Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and would reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there would be scope for effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	● Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? ● Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district. However, the increased population of both the town and District may have a positive effect. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural regeneration. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	● Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? ● Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the town centre of Cheadle has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Cheadle and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	● Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? ● Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH080)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 1,000m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 80 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to health care services and facilities and areas of existing employment is likely to have a positive effect. However, the development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land is assessed as having a significant negative effect as could the site's partial location within flood zone 2 and 3. The site's location near to a Local Nature Reserve and historic assets is likely to have a negative effect.			

Table 15.97

CH081

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH081)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	SOCIAL		
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The site is located on the outside of the settlement boundary within the open countryside. The development of this site, a greenfield site, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH081)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	As noted, the site is located on the outside of the settlement boundary on the north east edge of Cheadle. The site is more than 1,200m away from the town centre which could result in existing services and facilities being inaccessible. It should be noted that the supply of community facilities and services is currently adequate but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to the open countryside and areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 1,200m of a GP surgery. It should be noted that supply for health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and this is expected to worsen in the future without additional investment. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 110 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 1,200m of the town centre of Cheadle and a GP surgery and adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the town. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH081)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. Similarly, the site is more than 1,200m from the town centre and could increase the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	Part of the site is located within a flood zone 3 area and, as such, it can be considered that the site would be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this objective.	--
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is within 200m of Hales Hall Pool (LNR), the nearest designated asset. It could be considered that development of this site could lead to short-term disturbances of this habitat and possibly long term also. This could therefore have an adverse effect on the District's Green Infrastructure network. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has low potential to support protected species as the habitats present on site are species poor and have fairly poor boundary habitat and connections to other more biodiverse habitats. Nevertheless the site is attributed ecological value as two trees on site are deemed to have potential to support roosting bats. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site.Overall, this site has been	-/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH081)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
		assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. Similarly, the land has also been assessed as grade 3 ALC land so development of this site could result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 450m from one grade II* listed asset and one grade II listed asset. Although dependent on proposal specific information, there is limited scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of this historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and would reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there would be scope for effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH081)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district. However, the increased population of both the town and District may have a positive effect. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural regeneration. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the town centre of Cheadle has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Cheadle and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 500m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 110 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as could the site's proximity to areas of existing employment. Similarly, the site's accessibility to health care services and facilities is likely to have a positive effect. However, the development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land is assessed as having a significant negative effect as could the site's partial location within flood zone 2 and 3. The site's location near to a Local Nature Reserve and historic assets and its ecological value is likely to have a negative effect.			

Table 15.98

CH085A

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH085A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The site is located on the outside of the settlement boundary within the open countryside. However, it is within the draft new town boundary. The development of this site, a greenfield site, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the town centre, is within 1200m of the town centre and the wide range of key services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective residents of the site. For example, the site is in proximity to Moorlands Sixth Form. It should be noted that the supply of community facilities and services is currently adequate but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to the open countryside and areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 1,200m of a GP surgery. It should be noted that supply for health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and this is expected to worsen in the future without additional investment. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH085A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 150 dwellings, and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 1,200m of the town centre of Cheadle and adjacent to the open countryside which should reduce the need to travel within the town. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However, the site is within 1,200m of the town centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk?	Part of the site is located within a flood zone 2 area and, as such, it can be considered that the site would be subject to risk from flooding.	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH085A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this objective.	
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is over 1,000m from Cecilly Brook (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have no effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has low potential to support protected species as the habitats present on site are species poor and have poor boundary habitat and connections to other more biodiverse habitats. However, the site is attributed ecological value due to the two trees present on site that have been deemed capable of supporting roosting bats. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. Similarly, the land has also been assessed as grade 3 ALC land so development of this site could result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH085A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is circa 600m away from one grade II listed historical heritage asset. Although dependent on proposal specific information, there is limited scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of this historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and would reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there would be scope for effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district. However, the increased population of both the town and District may have a positive effect. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural regeneration. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the town centre of Cheadle has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Cheadle and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH085A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 1,000m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 150 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services, facilities and areas of existing employment is likely to have a positive effect, as could the site's location away from historic assets. However, the development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land is assessed as having a significant negative effect as could part of the site's location within flood zone 2. The site's ecological value is likely to have a negative effect.			

Table 15.99

CH085B

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH085B)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	SOCIAL		
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The site is located on the outside of the settlement boundary within the open countryside. However, it is within the draft new town boundary. The development of this site, a greenfield site, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH085B)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the town centre, is within 1,200m of the town centre and the wide range of key services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective residents of the site. For example, the site is in proximity to Moorlands Sixth Form. It should be noted that the supply of community facilities and services is currently adequate but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to the open countryside and areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 1,200m of a GP surgery. It should be noted that supply for health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and this is expected to worsen in the future without additional investment. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 80 dwellings, and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 1,200m of the town centre of Cheadle and adjacent to the open countryside which should reduce the need to travel within the town. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH085B)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However, the site is within 1,200m of the town centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	Part of the site is located within a flood zone 3 area and, as such, it can be considered that the site would be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this objective.	--
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is over 1,000m away from Cecilly Brook (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have no effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has fairly low potential to support protected species as the habitats are species poor and moderately connected to other more biodiverse habitats. The site is therefore given low ecological value as the species rich hedgerow is defunct. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH085B)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. Similarly, the land has also been assessed as grade 3 ALC land so development of this site could result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is circa 600m away from one grade II listed historical heritage asset. Although dependent on proposal specific information, there is limited scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of this historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and would reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there would be scope for effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH085B)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district. However, the increased population of both the town and District may have a positive effect. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural regeneration. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the town centre of Cheadle has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Cheadle and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 1,000m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 80 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to health care services and facilities and areas of existing employment is likely to have a positive effect, as could the site's location away from historic assets. However, the development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land is assessed as having a significant negative effect as could part of the site's location within flood zone 2 and 3.			

Table 15.100

CH085C

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH085C)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	SOCIAL		
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The site is located on the outside of the settlement boundary within the open countryside. However, it is within the draft new town boundary. The development of this site, a greenfield site, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the town centre, is within 1,200m of the town centre and the wide range of key services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective residents of the site. For example, the site is in proximity to Moorlands Sixth Form. It should be noted that the supply of community facilities and services is currently adequate but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to the open countryside and areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. However, the site is more than 1,200m from a GP surgery. It should be noted that supply for health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and this is expected to worsen in the future without additional investment. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH085C)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 150 dwellings, and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 1,200m of the town centre of Cheadle and adjacent to the open countryside which should reduce the need to travel within the town. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However, the site is within 1,200m of the town centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH085C)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is within 1,000m from Cecilly Brook (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have an effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has fairly low potential to support protected species as the habitats are species poor and moderately connected to other more biodiverse habitats. The site is therefore given low ecological value as the species rich hedgerow is defunct. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. Similarly, the land has also been assessed as grade 3 ALC land so development of this site could result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH085C)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m away from one grade II listed historical heritage asset. Although dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of this historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and would reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there would be scope for effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district. However, the increased population of both the town and District may have a positive effect. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural regeneration. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the town centre of Cheadle has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Cheadle and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH085C)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 1,000m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 150 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility areas of existing employment is likely to have a positive effect, as could the site's location away from historic assets. However, the development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land is assessed as having a significant negative effect.			

Table 15.101

CH085D

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH085D)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The site is located on the outside of the settlement boundary within the open countryside. However, it is within the draft new town boundary. The development of this site, a greenfield site, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by	The site is located on the edge of the town centre, is within 1,200m of the town centre and the wide range of key services and facilities that	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH085D)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? ● Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	can be found here that could serve prospective residents of the site. For example, the site is in proximity to Moorlands Sixth Form. It should be noted that the supply of community facilities and services is currently adequate but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	● Help improve health or access to health facilities? ● Help promote healthy lifestyles? ● Help to reduce health inequalities? ● Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to the open countryside and areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 1,200m of a GP surgery. It should be noted that supply for health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and this is expected to worsen in the future without additional investment. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	● Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? ● Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	● Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? ● Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? ● Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 115 dwellings, and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	● Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? ● Support the use of public transport? ● Support safe walking and cycling? ● Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 1,200m of the town centre of Cheadle and adjacent to the open countryside which should reduce the need to travel within the town. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH085D)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However, the site is within 1,200m of the town centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is within 1,000m from Cecilly Brook (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have an effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has fairly low potential to support protected species as the habitats are mainly species poor and moderately connected to other more biodiverse habitats. However the species rich hedgerow and tree with bat potential warrants the site being attributed ecological value. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. Similarly, the land has also been assessed as grade 3 ALC land so	--/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH085D)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	development of this site could result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m away from two grade II listed historical heritage assets. Although dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of this historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and would reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there would be scope for effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district. However, the increased population of both the town and District may have a positive effect. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH085D)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
		regeneration. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the town centre of Cheadle has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Cheadle and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 1,000m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 115 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to health care services and facilities and areas of existing employment is likely to have a positive effect. However, the development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land is assessed as having a significant negative effect. The site's ecological value and proximity to historic assets are likely to have a negative effect.			

Table 15.102

CH093

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH093)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH093)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The site is located on the outside of the settlement boundary within the open countryside. The development of this site, a greenfield site, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	As noted, the site is located outside of the settlement boundary on the south east edge of Cheadle. The site is more than 1,200m away from the town centre which could result in existing services and facilities being inaccessible. It should be noted that the supply of community facilities and services is currently adequate but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to the open countryside and areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. However, the site is more than 1,200m from a GP surgery. It should be noted that supply for health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and this is expected to worsen in the future without additional investment. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH093)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 165 dwellings, and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted, the site is more than 1,200m from the town centre of Cheadle and a GP surgery this could be expected to increase the need to travel. However, the site is near to the open country side and an area of open space and a number of bus stops. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. Similarly, the site is more than 1,200m from the town centre and could increase the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help	Part of the site is located within a flood zone 2 area and, as such, it can be considered that the site would be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this objective.	--

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH093)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? ● Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?		
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	● Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? ● Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? ● Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is over 1,000m away from Cecilly Brook (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have no effect on this asset. This site has not been subject to an ecology survey, so the exact effects are uncertain. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	● Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? ● Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? ● Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? ● Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? ● Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. Similarly, the land has also been assessed as grade 3 ALC land so development of this site could result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	● Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? ● Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? ● Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	● Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? ● Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m from three grade II listed historical heritage assets. Although dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of this historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH093)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and would reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there would be scope for effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district. However, the increased population of both the town and District may have a positive effect. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural regeneration. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the town centre of Cheadle has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Cheadle and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,000m to existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects:			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH093)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
The proposed delivery of circa 165 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. However, the development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land is assessed as having a significant negative effect as could the site's partial location within flood zone 2. The site's proximity to historic assets is likely to have a negative effect, as could the inaccessibility of areas of existing employment.			

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CH121

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH121)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	SOCIAL		
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The site is located on the outside of the settlement boundary within the open countryside. The development of this site, a greenfield site, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located within 1,200m of the town centre and the wide range of key services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective residents of the site. It should be noted that the supply of community facilities and services is currently adequate but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH121)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to the open countryside and areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 800m of a GP surgery. It should be noted that supply for health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and this is expected to worsen in the future without additional investment. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 38 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 1,200m of the town centre of Cheadle, 800m from a GP surgery and within the open countryside which should reduce the need to travel within the town. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 1,200m of the town centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH121)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is within 400m of Cecilly Brook (LNR), the nearest designated asset. It could be considered that development of this site could possibly have an effect on this site, however these would be limited. This would therefore have an adverse effect on the District's Green Infrastructure network. The Ecological Study (2015) noted that the site has potential to support some protected species although the habitats are fairly species poor but are well connected to other more biodiverse habitats. The presence of a species rich hedgerow and trees with potential to support roosting bats warrants the site being attributed ecological value. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. Similarly, the land has also been assessed as grade 3 ALC land so development of this site could result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH121)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within circa 800m of one grade II* listed asset and two grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is limited scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of this historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and would reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district. However, the increased population of both the town and District may have a positive effect. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural regeneration. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the town centre of Cheadle has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Cheadle and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH121)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 1,000m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 38 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services, facilities and areas of existing employment is likely to have a positive effect, as could the site's location away from historic assets. However, the development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land is assessed as having a significant negative effect. The site's ecological value and proximity to a Local Nature Reserve is likely to have a negative effect.			

Table 15.104

CH122

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH122)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
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SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH122)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The site is located on the outside of the settlement boundary within the open countryside. The development of this site, a greenfield site, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located within 1,200m of the town centre and the wide range of key services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective residents of the site. It should be noted that the supply of community facilities and services is currently adequate but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to the open countryside and areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 800m of a GP surgery. It should be noted that supply for health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and this is expected to worsen in the future without additional investment. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH122)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 22 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 1,200m of the town centre of Cheadle, 800m from a GP surgery and within the open countryside which should reduce the need to travel within the town. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 1,200m of the town centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH122)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? ● Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?		
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	● Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? ● Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? ● Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is within 300m of Cecilly Brook (LNR), the nearest designated asset. It could be considered that development of this site could possibly have an effect on this site, however these would be limited. This would therefore have an adverse effect on the District's Green Infrastructure network. The Ecological Study (2015) noted that the site has potential to support protected species although the habitats are fairly species poor but are well connected to other more biodiverse habitats. Therefore the presence of two buildings and trees with potential to support roosting bats and areas of tall ruderal vegetation which could support reptiles warrants the site being attributed ecological value. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	● Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? ● Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? ● Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? ● Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? ● Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. Similarly, the land has also been assessed as grade 3 ALC land so development of this site could result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	● Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? ● Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? ● Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and	● Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural	The site is within circa 800m of one grade II* listed asset and two grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is limited scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration	+/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH122)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
archaeological assets along with their settings.	and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? ● Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	of the setting of this historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	● Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? ● Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? ● Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and would reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	● Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? ● Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district. However, the increased population of both the town and District may have a positive effect. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural regeneration. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	● Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? ● Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the town centre of Cheadle has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Cheadle and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	● Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? ● Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH122)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 1,000m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 22 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services, facilities and areas of existing employment is likely to have a positive effect, as could the site's location away from historic assets. However, the development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land is assessed as having a significant negative effect. The site's ecological value and proximity to a Local Nature Reserve is likely to have a negative effect.			

Table 15.105

CH128

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH128)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	SOCIAL		
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The site is located on the outside of the settlement boundary within the open countryside. The development of this site, a greenfield site, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH128)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	As noted, the site is located outside of the settlement boundary on the south east edge of Cheadle. The site is more than 1,200m away from the town centre which could result in existing services and facilities being inaccessible. It should be noted that the supply of community facilities and services is currently adequate but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to the open countryside and areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. However, the site is more than 1,200m from a GP surgery. It should be noted that supply for health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and this is expected to worsen in the future without additional investment. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 28 dwellings, and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted, the site is more than 1,200m from the town centre of Cheadle and a GP surgery this could be expected to increase the need to travel. However, the site is near to the open country side and an area of open space and a number of bus stops. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH128)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. Similarly, the site is more than 1,200m from the town centre and could increase the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is within 1,000m from Cecilly Brook (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have an effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site is large enough to potentially support small mammals that could provide food for owls and raptors as well as supporting ground nesting birds. However, this former woodland site has species poor habitats and floral diversity and therefore is considered to have low ecological value. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH128)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. Similarly, the land has also been assessed as grade 3 ALC land so development of this site could result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m from two grade II listed historical heritage assets. Although dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of this historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and would reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there would be scope for effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH128)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district. However, the increased population of both the town and District may have a positive effect. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural regeneration. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the town centre of Cheadle has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Cheadle and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 500m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 28 dwellings and accessibility to areas of existing employment is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services and facilities is likely to have a positive effect. However, the development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land is assessed as having a significant negative effect. The site's proximity to a historic assets is likely to have a negative effect.			

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CH129

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH129)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The site is located outside of the settlement boundary within the open countryside. The development of this site, a greenfield site, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located within 1,200m of the town centre and the wide range of key services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective residents of the site. It should be noted that the supply of community facilities and services is currently adequate but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to the open countryside and help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 800m of a GP surgery. It should be noted that supply for health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and this is expected to worsen in the future without additional investment. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH129)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 120 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 1,200m of the town centre of Cheadle and within to the open countryside which should reduce the need to travel within the town. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 800m of the town centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH129)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is within 100m of Hales Hall Pool (LNR), the nearest designated asset. It could be considered that development of this site could lead to short-term disturbances of this habitat and possibly long term also. This would therefore have an adverse effect on the District's Green Infrastructure network. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site mainly has low potential to support protected species as the habitats are species poor and poorly connected to other more biodiverse habitats. However, the presence of species rich hedgerows and bat potential trees warrants the site being attributed ecological value. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. Similarly, the land has also been assessed as grade 3 ALC land so development of this site could result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH129)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 550m of one grade II* listed asset and one grade II asset. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is limited scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and would reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district. However, the increased population of both the town and District may have a positive effect. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural regeneration. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the town centre of Cheadle has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Cheadle and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH129)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 500m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 120 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as could the accessibility to areas of existing employment. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services and facilities and distance away from historic assets is likely to have a positive effect. However, the development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land is assessed as having a significant negative effect. The site's proximity to a Local Nature Reserve and ecological value is likely to have a negative effect.			

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CH132

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH132)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH132)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The site is located on the outside of the settlement boundary within the open countryside. The development of this site, a greenfield site, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	As noted, the site is located outside of the settlement boundary on the south east edge of Cheadle. The site is more than 1,200m away from the town centre which could result in existing services and facilities being inaccessible. It should be noted that the supply of community facilities and services is currently adequate but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to the open countryside and areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. However, the site is more than 1,200m from a GP surgery. It should be noted that supply for health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and this is expected to worsen in the future without additional investment. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH132)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 130 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted, the site is more than 1,200m from the town centre of Cheadle and a GP surgery this could be expected to increase the need to travel. However, the site is near to the open country side and an area of open space and a number of bus stops. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. Similarly, the site is more than 1,200m from the town centre and could increase the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help	Part of the site is located within a flood zone 3 area and, as such, it can be considered that the site would be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this objective.	--

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH132)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? ● Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?		
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	● Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? ● Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? ● Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is within 500m of both Cecilly Brook (LNR) and Hales Hall Pool (LNR), the nearest designated assets. It could be considered that development of this site could possibly have an effect on this site, however these would be limited. This could therefore have an adverse effect on the District's Green Infrastructure network. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site mainly has low potential to support protected species as the habitats are species poor and poorly connected to other more biodiverse habitats. Nevertheless the species rich hedgerow and trees that have potential to support roosting bats gives the site ecological value. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	● Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? ● Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? ● Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? ● Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? ● Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. Similarly, the land has also been assessed as grade 3 ALC land so development of this site could result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	● Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? ● Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? ● Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and	● Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural	The site is circa 550m away from one grade II listed assets. Although dependent on proposal specific information, there is limited scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting	+/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH132)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
archaeological assets along with their settings.	and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	of this historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and would reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there would be scope for effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district. However, the increased population of both the town and District may have a positive effect. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural regeneration. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the town centre of Cheadle has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Cheadle and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH132)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 1,000m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 130 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of existing employment and distance away from historic assets is likely to have a positive effect. However, the development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land is assessed as having a significant negative effect, as could the site's partial location within flood zone 2 and 3. The site's proximity to two Local Nature Reserves and ecological value is likely to have a negative effect.			

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CH134A

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH134A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	SOCIAL		
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The site is remote and located outside of the settlement boundary within the open countryside. The development of this site, a greenfield site, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender	The site is located within 1,200m of the town centre and the wide range of key services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective residents of the site. It should be noted that the supply of	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH134A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	community facilities and services is currently adequate but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to the open countryside and help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 1,200m of a GP surgery. It should be noted that supply for health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and this is expected to worsen in the future without additional investment. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 150 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 1,200m of the town centre of Cheadle and within to the open countryside which should reduce the need to travel within the town. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH134A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 1,200m of the town centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	Part of the site is located within a flood zone 3 area and, as such, it can be considered that the site would be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this objective.	--
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is within 800m of Cecilly Brook (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have an effect on this asset. This site has not been subject to an ecology survey, so the exact effects are uncertain. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. Similarly, the land has also been assessed as grade 3 ALC land so development of this site could result in the loss of best and most	--/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH134A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 700m of three grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is limited scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and would reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district. However, the increased population of both the town and District may have a positive effect. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural regeneration. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH134A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the town centre of Cheadle has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Cheadle and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 1,000m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 150 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services, facilities and areas of existing employment is likely to have a positive effect, as could its location away from historic assets. However, the development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land and the remote nature of the site is assessed as having a significant negative effect, as could the site's partial location within flood zone 2 and 3.			

Table 15.109

CH134B

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH134B)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH134B)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The site is located outside of the settlement boundary within the open countryside. The development of this site, a greenfield site, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located within 1,200m of the town centre and the wide range of key services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective residents of the site. It should be noted that the supply of community facilities and services is currently adequate but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to the open countryside and help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 1,200m of a GP surgery. It should be noted that supply for health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and this is expected to worsen in the future without additional investment. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 150 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this	++

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH134B)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 1,200m of the town centre of Cheadle and within to the open countryside which should reduce the need to travel within the town. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 1,200m of the town centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	Part of the site is located within a flood zone 3 area and, as such, it can be considered that the site would be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this objective.	--

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH134B)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is within 550m of Cecilly Brook (LNR), the nearest designated asset. It could be considered that development of this site could possibly have an effect on this site, however these would be limited. This site has not been subject to an ecology survey, so the exact effects are uncertain. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. Similarly, the land has also been assessed as grade 3 ALC land so development of this site could result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 500m of one grade II listed asset. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is limited scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness?	The site would avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and would reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH134B)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district. However, the increased population of both the town and District may have a positive effect. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural regeneration. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the town centre of Cheadle has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Cheadle and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 1,000m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects:			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH134B)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
The proposed delivery of circa 150 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services, facilities and areas of existing employment is likely to have a positive effect, as could its location away from historic assets. However, the development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land is assessed as having a significant negative effect, as could the site's partial location within flood zone 2 and 3. The site's proximity to a LNR is likely to have a negative effect.			

Table 15.110

CH135A

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH135A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The site is located outside of the settlement boundary within the open countryside. The development of this site, a greenfield site, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located within 1,200m of the town centre and the wide range of key services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective residents of the site. It should be noted that the supply of community facilities and services is currently adequate but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to the open countryside and help to support healthy lifestyles.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH135A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	Similarly, the site is within 1,200m of a GP surgery. It should be noted that supply for health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and this is expected to worsen in the future without additional investment. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 160 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 1,200m of the town centre of Cheadle and within to the open countryside which should reduce the need to travel within the town. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 1,200m of the town centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH135A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	Part of the site is located within a flood zone 3 area and, as such, it can be considered that the site would be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this objective.	--
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is within 800m of Cecilly Brook (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have an effect on this asset, albeit limited. This site has not been subject to an ecology survey, so the exact effects are uncertain. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. Similarly, the land has also been assessed as grade 3 ALC land so development of this site could result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH135A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 550m of two grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is limited scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and would reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district. However, the increased population of both the town and District may have a positive effect. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural regeneration. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the town centre of Cheadle has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Cheadle and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH135A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 500m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 160 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as its proximity to areas of existing employment. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services and facilities is likely to have a positive effect, as could its location away from historic assets. However, the development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land is assessed as having a significant negative effect, as could the site's partial location within flood zone 2 and 3.			

Table 15.111

CH135B

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH135B)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure?	The site is located outside of the settlement boundary within the open countryside. The development of this site, a greenfield site, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH135B)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?		
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located within 800m of the town centre and the wide range of key services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective residents of the site. It should be noted that the supply of community facilities and services is currently adequate but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to the open countryside and help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 800m of a GP surgery. It should be noted that supply for health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and this is expected to worsen in the future without additional investment. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 110 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion?	As noted previously, the site is within 800m of the town centre of Cheadle and within to the open countryside which should reduce the need to travel within the town. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH135B)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 800m of the town centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites?	The site is within 600m of Cecilly Brook (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have an effect on this asset, albeit limited. This site has not been subject to an ecology survey, so the exact effects are uncertain. The HRA notes that no direct	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH135B)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. Similarly, the land has also been assessed as grade 3 ALC land so development of this site could result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m of two grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness?	The site would avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and would reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH135B)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district. However, the increased population of both the town and District may have a positive effect. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural regeneration. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the town centre of Cheadle has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Cheadle and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 500m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects:			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH135B)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
The proposed delivery of circa 110 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as its proximity to areas of existing employment. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services and facilities is likely to have a positive effect. However, the development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land is assessed as having a significant negative effect. The site's proximity to historic assets is likely to have a negative effect.			

Table 15.112

CH135C

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH135C)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The site is located outside of the settlement boundary within the open countryside. The development of this site, a greenfield site, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located within 1,200m of the town centre and the wide range of key services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective residents of the site. It should be noted that the supply of community facilities and services is currently adequate but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to the open countryside and help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly,	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH135C)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	the site is within 1,200m of a GP surgery. It should be noted that supply for health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and this is expected to worsen in the future without additional investment. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 130 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 1,200m of the town centre of Cheadle and within to the open countryside which should reduce the need to travel within the town. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 1,200m of the town centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH135C)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	Part of the site is located within a flood zone 3 area and, as such, it can be considered that the site would be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this objective.	--
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is within 600m of Cecilly Brook (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have an effect on this asset, albeit limited. This site has not been subject to an ecology survey, so the exact effects are uncertain. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. Similarly, the land has also been assessed as grade 3 ALC land so development of this site could result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH135C)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 500m of two grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is limited scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and would reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district. However, the increased population of both the town and District may have a positive effect. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural regeneration. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the town centre of Cheadle has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Cheadle and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH135C)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 1,000m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 130 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services, facilities and areas of existing employment is likely to have a positive effect, as could its location away from historic assets. However, the development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land is assessed as having a significant negative effect, as could the site's partial location within flood zone 2 and 3.			

Table 15.113

CH165

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH165)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH165)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The site is located outside of the settlement boundary within the open countryside. The development of this site, a greenfield site, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is within 800m of the town centre and the wide range of key services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective residents of the site. It should be noted that the supply of community facilities and services is currently adequate but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to the open countryside and areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 800m of a GP surgery. It should be noted that supply for health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and this is expected to worsen in the future without additional investment. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 26 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH165)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?		
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 800m of the town centre of Cheadle and a GP surgery and adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the town. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 800m of the town centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH165)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?		
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is over 1,000m from Cecilly Brook (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have no effect on this asset. This site has not been subject to an ecology survey, so the exact effects are uncertain. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. Similarly, the land has also been assessed as grade 3 ALC land so development of this site could result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m of seventeen grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH165)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and would reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district. However, the increased population of both the town and District may have a positive effect. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural regeneration. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the town centre of Cheadle has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Cheadle and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 1,000m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects:			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH165)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
The proposed delivery of circa 26 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services, facilities and areas of existing employment is likely to have a positive effect. However, the development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land is assessed as having a significant negative effect. The site's proximity to historic assets is likely to have a negative effect.			

Table 15.114

CH094

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH094)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The site is located outside of the existing settlement boundary. The development of greenfield land within the open countryside has the scope to reduce the quality of the Green Infrastructure of the Town. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	As noted, the site is located outside of the settlement boundary on the south west edge of Cheadle. The site is more than 1,200m away from the town centre which could result in existing services and facilities being inaccessible. It should be noted that the supply of community facilities and services is currently adequate but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles?	The sites location would provide good access to areas of open space and the countryside which could help to support healthy lifestyles. However, the site is more than 1,200m from a GP surgery. It should	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH094)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	be noted that supply for health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and this is expected to worsen in the future without additional investment. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	This site has been proposed for employment uses with regards to this assessment. Therefore the development would provide no housing. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted, the site is more than 1,200m from the town centre of Cheadle and a GP surgery this could be expected to increase the need to travel. However, the site is near to the open country side and an area of open space and a number of bus stops. Similarly, the development of this site may lead to the provision of additional public transport services. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However, the site is more than 1,200m from the town centre and could increase the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH094)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is over 1,750m from Whitfield Valley (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have no effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has mostly low biodiversity value overall, apart from the diverse boundary habitats. However, these boundary habitats consist of species rich hedgerows and trees with bat potential that constitute the site being attributed some ecological value. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH094)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is more than 1,000m away from any historical heritage asset, the nearest asset is grade II listed asset. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is limited scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and would reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed employment use of this site provides scope for the development of this site to have a positive effect on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district, however this is dependent on proposal specific information. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of an employment site within the town centre has the scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Cheadle and the wider District, as new employment could be expected to increase footfall in the nearby town centre. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this objective.	++

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH094)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site and the proposed employment use of the site could be considered to have a positive effect on businesses and the residents of Cheadle as it could strengthen and diversify the economy. Overall, this has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is proximity to areas of existing local employment provision as well as new employment provision generated by this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this objective.	++
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The development of new employment premises should have a significant positive effect on the vitality and viability of the District, strengthen economic growth and support a higher level of employment within the District. Similarly, site's location away from historic assets is likely to have a positive effect. However, the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land and the site's ecological value is likely to have a negative effect.			

Table 15.115

CH136

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH136)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure?	The site is located outside of the existing settlement boundary. The development of greenfield land within the open countryside has the scope to reduce the quality of the Green Infrastructure of the Town. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH136)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?		
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	As noted, the site is located outside of the settlement boundary on the south west edge of Cheadle. The site is more than 1,200m away from the town centre which could result in existing services and facilities being inaccessible. It should be noted that the supply of community facilities and services is currently adequate but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The sites location would provide good access to areas of open space and the countryside which could help to support healthy lifestyles. However, the site is more than 1,200m from a GP surgery. It should be noted that supply for health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and this is expected to worsen in the future without additional investment. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	This site has been proposed for employment uses with regards to this assessment. Therefore the development would provide no housing. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport?	As noted, the site is more than 1,200m from the town centre of Cheadle and a GP surgery this could be expected to increase the need to travel. However, the site is near to the open country side and an area of open space and a number of bus stops. Similarly, the development of this	0

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	• Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	site may lead to the provision of additional public transport services. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However, the site is more than 1,200m from the town centre and could increase the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is over 1,500m from Whitfield Valley (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have no effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has mostly low biodiversity value overall, apart from the diverse boundary habitats. Within these boundary habitats contain species rich hedgerows and trees with bat potential that warrant the site being attributed some ecological value. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA	-/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH136)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
		are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is more than 1,000m away from any historical heritage asset, the nearest asset is grade II listed asset. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is limited scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and would reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH136)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed employment use of this site provides scope for the development of this site to have a positive effect on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district, however this is dependent on proposal specific information. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of an employment site within the town centre has the scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Cheadle and the wider District, as new employment could be expected to increase footfall in the nearby town centre. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this objective.	++
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site and the proposed employment use of the site could be considered to have a positive effect on businesses and the residents of Cheadle as it could strengthen and diversify the economy. Overall, this has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is proximity to areas of existing local employment provision as well as new employment provision generated by this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this objective.	++
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The development of new employment premises should have a significant positive effect on the vitality and viability of the District, strengthen economic growth and support a higher level of employment within the District. Similarly, site's location away from historic assets is likely to have a positive effect. However, the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land and the site's ecological value is likely to have a negative effect.			

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ADD05

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (ADD05)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The site is located on the outside of the settlement boundary within the open countryside. The development of this site, a greenfield site, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	As noted, the site is located outside of the settlement boundary on the south east edge of Cheadle. The site is more than 1,200m away from the town centre which could result in existing services and facilities being inaccessible. It should be noted that the supply of community facilities and services is currently adequate but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to the open countryside and areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. However, the site is more than 1,200m from a GP surgery. It should be noted that supply for health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and this is expected to worsen in the future without additional investment. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (ADD05)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the location and size of the site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 186 dwellings, and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted, the site is more than 1,200m from the town centre of Cheadle and a GP surgery this could be expected to increase the need to travel. However, the site is near to the open country side and an area of open space and a number of bus stops. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. Similarly, the site is more than 1,200m from the town centre and could increase the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs?	Part of the site is located within a flood zone 3 area and, as such, it can be considered that the site would be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this objective.	--

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (ADD05)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?		
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is within 800m from Cecilly Brook (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have an effect on this asset. This site has not been subject to an ecology survey, so the exact effects are uncertain. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. Similarly, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and	The site is within 50m of two grade II listed assets and within 400m from one grade II listed historical heritage assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of this historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (ADD05)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?		
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and would reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there would be scope for effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district. However, the increased population of both the town and District may have a positive effect. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural regeneration. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the town centre of Cheadle has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Cheadle and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 500m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (ADD05)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 186 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as could the site's proximity to areas of existing employment. However, the site's proximity to historic assets is likely to have a significant negative effect, as could the site's partial location within a flood zone. The site's proximity to designated assets and the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is assessed as having a negative effect.			

Table 15.117

15.4 Larger villages

Alton

Potentially suitable sites (5+ dwellings) within the Development Boundary

AL024 (only small part within development boundary)

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (AL024)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a mixed brownfield and greenfield site that is set just inside of the village within the settlement boundary, although a large part of the site is outside of the settlement boundary. The development of this site could help to improve the social and environmental quality of the village centre. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village, it is within 800m of the village centre and the range of services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective residents of the site. It should be noted that Alton does not have a secondary school and that the current supply of educational services and facilities is currently adequate but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 800m of a GP surgery. It should be noted	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (AL024)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	that the current supply of health care services and facilities is currently adequate but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 12 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 800m of the village centre of Alton and a GP surgery as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 800m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (AL024)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is within 1,000m of Saltersford Lane Meadows SSSI, the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have an effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site itself has species rich hedgerows, and scattered scrub/ tall ruderal vegetation which are well connected to a series of other hedgerows and other habitats; therefore the site is attributed ecological value. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on mixed brownfield and greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation?	The development of this brownfield and greenfield site could enable the re-use of existing buildings. Dependent on proposal specific	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (AL024)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	information, there is scope that development could incorporate sustainable materials. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m of four grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be within 1,000m of Saltersford Lane Meadows SSSI and could increase external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural regeneration. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Alton has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Alton and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (AL024)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,500m from existing areas of employment within the village or District and, as such, would fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 12 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to areas of existing employment which is likely to have a significant negative effect. The site's proximity to historic assets and ecological value is likely to have a negative effect.			

Table 15.118

Potentially suitable sites (5+ dwellings) outside the Development Boundary

AL012

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (AL012)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure?	The development of this site, a mixed brownfield and greenfield site that is set outside of the village boundary could help to improve the social and environmental quality of the village centre. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (AL012)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?		
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the outside of the village boundary, but is within 800m of the village centre and the range of services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective residents of the site. It should be noted that Alton does not have a secondary school and that the current supply of educational services and facilities is currently adequate but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 800m of a GP surgery. It should be noted that the current supply of health care services and facilities is currently adequate but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 18 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion?	As noted previously, the site is within 800m of the village centre of Alton and a GP surgery as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (AL012)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 800m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites?	The site is within 1,000m of Saltersford Lane Meadows SSSI, the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have an effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site itself has 3 trees and 1 building with bat potential, species rich hedgerows, and species poor grasslands which are connected to a	-/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (AL012)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	series of other hedgerows and other habitats. Therefore the site is attributed some ecological value. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on mixed brownfield and greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	The development of this brownfield and greenfield site could enable the re-use of existing buildings. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development could incorporate sustainable materials. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m of eight grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness?	The site would be within 1,000m of Saltersford Lane Meadows SSSI and could increase external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (AL012)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural regeneration. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Alton has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Alton and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,500m from existing areas of employment within the village or District and, as such, would fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects:			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (AL012)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
The proposed delivery of circa 18 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to areas of existing employment which is likely to have a significant negative effect. The site's proximity to historic assets and ecological value is likely to have a negative effect.			

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AL019

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (AL019)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is set outside of the village boundary could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the outside of the village boundary, but is within 400m of the village centre and the range of services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective residents of the site. It should be noted that Alton does not have a secondary school and that the current supply of educational services and facilities is currently adequate but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 400m of a GP surgery. It should be noted	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (AL019)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	that the current supply of health care services and facilities is currently adequate but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 43 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the village centre of Alton and a GP surgery as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 400m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (AL019)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is within 600m of Saltersford Lane Meadows SSSI, the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have an effect on this asset. This site has not been subject to an ecology survey, so the exact effects are uncertain. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (AL019)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m of one scheduled monument, one grade II* listed asset and twenty nine grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the historical heritage assets and its setting. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be within 600m of Saltersford Lane Meadows SSSI and could increase external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural regeneration. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Alton has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Alton and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (AL019)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,500m from existing areas of employment within the village or District and, as such, would fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 43 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's proximity to services and facilities, albeit limited, is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to areas of existing employment which is likely to have a significant negative effect. The development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is assessed as having a negative effect, as is the site's proximity to historic assets and a SSSI.			

Table 15.120

AL022

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (AL022)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure?	The development of this site, a mixed brownfield and greenfield site that is set outside of the village boundary could help to improve the social and environmental quality of the village centre. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (AL022)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?		
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the outside of the village boundary, but is within 400m of the village centre and the range of services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective residents of the site. It should be noted that Alton does not have a secondary school and that the current supply of educational services and facilities is currently adequate but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 400m of a GP surgery. It should be noted that the current supply of health care services and facilities is currently adequate but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 20 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the village centre of Alton and a GP surgery as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (AL022)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 400m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites?	The site is within 500m of Saltersford Lane Meadows SSSI, the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have an effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) note that the site itself has five trees with bat potential, species rich hedgerows, and species poor grasslands which are connected to a series of other hedgerows and	-/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (AL022)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	other habitats. Therefore the site is attributed some ecological value. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on mixed brownfield and greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	The development of this brownfield and greenfield site could enable the re-use of existing buildings. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development could incorporate sustainable materials. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m of one scheduled monument and twenty four grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the historical heritage assets and its setting. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness?	The site would be within 500m of Saltersford Lane Meadows SSSI and could increase external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (AL022)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural regeneration. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Alton has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Alton and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,500m from existing areas of employment within the village or District and, as such, would fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects:			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (AL022)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
The proposed delivery of circa 20 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's proximity to services and facilities, albeit limited, is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to areas of existing employment which is likely to have a significant negative effect, as could the proximity of the site to a SSSI. The site's proximity to historic assets is likely to have a negative effect.			

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AL025

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (AL025)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is set outside of the village boundary could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the outside of the village boundary, but is within 800m of the village centre and the range of services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective residents of the site. It should be noted that Alton does not have a secondary school and that the current supply of educational services and facilities is currently adequate but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (AL025)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	Similarly, the site is within 800m of a GP surgery. It should be noted that the current supply of health care services and facilities is currently adequate but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 60 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 800m of the village centre of Alton and a GP surgery as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 800m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (AL025)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is within 1,000m of Saltersford Lane Meadows SSSI, the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have an effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has mostly low biodiversity value overall in terms of area but does have a species rich hedgerow and good connectivity to other habitats, which warrants the site being attributed some ecological value. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (AL025)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m of one scheduled monument, one grade II* listed asset and twenty five grade II listed assets. One of the grade II listed assets, Turnditch Farmhouse is within 50m of the site. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the historical heritage assets and its setting. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be within 1,000m of Saltersford Lane Meadows SSSI and could increase external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural regeneration. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Alton has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Alton and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (AL025)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,500m from existing areas of employment within the village or District and, as such, would fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 60 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's proximity to health care services and facilities is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to areas of existing employment which is likely to have a significant negative effect. The development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is assessed as having a negative effect, as is the site's proximity to historic assets and ecological value.			

Table 15.122

AL026

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (AL026)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is set outside of the village boundary could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (AL026)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?		
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the outside of the village boundary, but is within 800m of the village centre and the range of services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective residents of the site. It should be noted that Alton does not have a secondary school and that the current supply of educational services and facilities is currently adequate but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 800m of a GP surgery. It should be noted that the current supply of health care services and facilities is currently adequate but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 43 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion?	As noted previously, the site is within 800m of the village centre of Alton and a GP surgery as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (AL026)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 800m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites?	The site is within 1,000m of Saltersford Lane Meadows SSSI, the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have an effect on this asset. This site has not been subject to an ecology survey, so the exact effects are uncertain. The HRA notes that no	-/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (AL026)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m of eight grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness?	The site would be within 1,000m of Saltersford Lane Meadows SSSI and could increase external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (AL026)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural regeneration. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Alton has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Alton and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,500m from existing areas of employment within the village or District and, as such, would fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects:			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (AL026)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
The proposed delivery of circa 43 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's proximity to health care services and facilities is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to areas of existing employment which is likely to have a significant negative effect. The development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is assessed as having a negative effect, as is the site's proximity to historic assets and a SSSI.			

Table 15.123

AL027

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (AL027)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is set outside of the village boundary could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the outside of the village boundary, but is within 400m of the village centre and the range of services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective residents of the site. It should be noted that Alton does not have a secondary school and that the current supply of educational services and facilities is currently adequate but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (AL027)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	Similarly, the site is within 400m of a GP surgery. It should be noted that the current supply of health care services and facilities is currently adequate but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 45 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the village centre of Alton and a GP surgery as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 400m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (AL027)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is within 500m of Saltersford Lane Meadows SSSI, the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have an effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site itself has eleven trees with bat potential, species rich hedgerows, and species poor grasslands which are well connected to a series of other hedgerows and other habitats. Therefore the site is attributed some ecological value. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (AL027)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m of two scheduled monuments, one grade I listed asset, five grade II* listed asset and forty one grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the historical heritage assets and its setting. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be within 500m of Saltersford Lane Meadows SSSI and could increase external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural regeneration. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Alton has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Alton and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (AL027)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,500m from existing areas of employment within the village or District and, as such, would fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 45 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's proximity to services and facilities is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to areas of existing employment which is likely to have a significant negative effect. The development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is assessed as having a negative effect, as is the site's proximity to historic assets and a SSSI.			

Table 15.124

Biddulph Moor

Potentially suitable sites (5+ dwellings) - within the Green Belt

BM008

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BM008)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is set just outside of the village could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BM008)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?		
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village, it is within 400m of the village centre but has insufficient services and facilities to meet the needs of the community. It should be noted that Biddulph Moor does not have a secondary school and that education facilities and services within the town have adequate supply at present but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. Biddulph Moor does not have a GP surgery. It should be noted that supply for health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and this is expected to worsen in the future without additional investment. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 18 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the village centre of Biddulph Moor as well as being adjacent to an area of open space	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BM008)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 400m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites?	The site is more than 2,000m from Biddulph Valley Way (Whitemoor) SSSI, the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have no effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has low potential to support protected species as the habitats	+/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BM008)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	have been deemed to have low biodiversity which are fairly poorly connected to other more biodiverse habitats, and overall is considered to have low ecological value. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m of one grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness?	The site would be more than 2,000m from Biddulph Valley Way (Whitemoor) SSSI. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BM008)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Biddulph Moor has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Biddulph Moor and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 500m of an area of existing employment within the village or District and, as such, could provide accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects:			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BM008)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
The proposed delivery of circa 18 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of existing employment and low ecological value is likely to have a positive effect. However, the inaccessibility of services and facilities is likely to have a significant negative effect. Similarly, the development of mixed brownfield and greenfield, grade 4 ALC land and the site's proximity to historic assets is assessed as having a negative effect.			

Table 15.125

BM013

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BM013)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is set just outside of the village could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village, it is within 400m of the village centre but has insufficient services and facilities to meet the needs of the community. It should be noted that Biddulph Moor does not have a secondary school and that education facilities and services within the town have adequate supply at present but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BM013)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	Biddulph Moor does not have a GP surgery. It should be noted that supply for health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and this is expected to worsen in the future without additional investment. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 65 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the village centre of Biddulph Moor as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 400m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BM013)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is more than 2,000m from Biddulph Valley Way (Whitemoor) SSSI, the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have no effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has fairly low potential to support protected species as the habitats are fairly newly created and fairly poorly connected to other more biodiverse habitats. However, as a pond and potential supporting habitat for amphibians and reptiles is present the site has been deemed to have some ecological value. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BM013)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m of one grade II listed asset. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be more than 2,000m of Biddulph Valley Way (Whitemoor) SSSI. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Biddulph Moor has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Biddulph Moor and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BM013)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 500m to existing area of employment within the village or District and, as such, could provide accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 65 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of existing employment is likely to have a positive effect. However, the inaccessibility of services and facilities is likely to have a significant negative effect. Similarly, the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is assessed as having a negative effect, as is the site's proximity to historic assets and the ecological value of the site.			

Table 15.126

BM014A

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BM014A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is set just outside of the village could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality, especially given the remote nature of this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BM014A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?		
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village, it is within 400m of the village centre but has insufficient services and facilities to meet the needs of the community. It should be noted that Biddulph Moor does not have a secondary school and that education facilities and services within the town have adequate supply at present but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. Biddulph Moor does not have a GP surgery. It should be noted that supply for health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and this is expected to worsen in the future without additional investment. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 15 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the village centre of Biddulph Moor as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly,	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BM014A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 800m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites?	The site is more than 2,000m from Biddulph Valley Way (Whitemoor) SSSI, the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have no effect on this asset. This site has not been subject to an ecology survey, so the exact effects are uncertain. The HRA notes	+/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BM014A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is more than 400m from a listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is limited scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness?	The site would be more than 2,000m of Biddulph Valley Way (Whitemoor) SSSI. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BM014A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?		
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Biddulph Moor has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Biddulph Moor and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 500m to existing area of employment within the village or District and, as such, could provide accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects:			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BM014A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
The proposed delivery of circa 15 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of existing employment is likely to have a positive effect. However, the inaccessibility of services and facilities is likely to have a significant negative effect. Similarly, the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is assessed as having a negative effect, as is the site's proximity to historic assets and the ecological value of the site.			

Table 15.127

BM014B

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BM014B)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is set just outside of the village could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village, it is within 400m of the village centre but has insufficient services and facilities to meet the needs of the community. It should be noted that Biddulph Moor does not have a secondary school and that education facilities and services within the town have adequate supply at present but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BM014B)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. Biddulph Moor does not have a GP surgery. It should be noted that supply for health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and this is expected to worsen in the future without additional investment. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 25 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the village centre of Biddulph Moor as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 800m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BM014B)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is more than 2,000m from Biddulph Valley Way (Whitemoor) SSSI, the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have no effect on this asset. This site has not been subject to an ecology survey, so the exact effects are uncertain. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BM014B)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is more than 400m from a listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is limited scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be more than 2,000m of Biddulph Valley Way (Whitemoor) SSSI. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Biddulph Moor has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Biddulph Moor and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BM014B)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 500m to existing area of employment within the village or District and, as such, could provide accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 25 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of existing employment is likely to have a positive effect, as could its location away from historic assets and designated assets. However, the inaccessibility of services and facilities is likely to have a significant negative effect. Similarly, the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is assessed as having a negative effect.			

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BM021

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BM021)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is set just outside of the village could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BM021)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?		
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village, it is within 400m of the village centre but has insufficient services and facilities to meet the needs of the community. It should be noted that Biddulph Moor does not have a secondary school and that education facilities and services within the town have adequate supply at present but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. Biddulph Moor does not have a GP surgery. It should be noted that supply for health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and this is expected to worsen in the future without additional investment. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 7 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the village centre of Biddulph Moor as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly,	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BM021)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 400m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites?	The site is more than 2,000m from Biddulph Valley Way (Whitemoor) SSSI, the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have no effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has very low potential to support protected species as the	+/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BM021)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	habitats are species poor and poorly connected to other more biodiverse habitats. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m of one grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness?	The site would be more than 2,000m of Biddulph Valley Way (Whitemoor) SSSI. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BM021)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?		
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Biddulph Moor has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Biddulph Moor and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 500m to existing area of employment within the village or District and, as such, could provide accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects:			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BM021)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
The proposed delivery of circa 7 dwellings is considered to have a positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of existing employment is likely to have a positive effect, as could its location away from designated assets. However, the inaccessibility of services and facilities is likely to have a significant negative effect. Similarly, the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is assessed as having a negative effect, as is its location near to historic assets.			

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BM029

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BM029)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is set just outside of the village could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village, it is within 400m of the village centre but has insufficient services and facilities to meet the needs of the community. It should be noted that Biddulph Moor does not have a secondary school and that education facilities and services within the town have adequate supply at present but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BM029)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	Biddulph Moor does not have a GP surgery. It should be noted that supply for health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and this is expected to worsen in the future without additional investment. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 12 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the village centre of Biddulph Moor as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 400m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BM029)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is more than 2,000m from Biddulph Valley Way (Whitemoor) SSSI, the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have no effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has fairly low potential to support protected species as the habitats are species poor and fairly poorly connected to other more biodiverse habitats. However, there is potential for terrestrial amphibians to be present therefore the site is considered to have some ecological value. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BM029)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m of one grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be more than 2,000m of Biddulph Valley Way (Whitemoor) SSSI. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Biddulph Moor has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Biddulph Moor and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BM029)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 500m to existing area of employment within the village or District and, as such, could provide accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 12 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of existing employment is likely to have a positive effect. However, the inaccessibility of services and facilities is likely to have a significant negative effect. Similarly, the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is assessed as having a negative effect, as is its location near to historic assets and the ecological value of the site.			

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BM030

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BM030)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is set just outside of the village could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BM030)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?		
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village, it is within 400m of the village centre but has insufficient services and facilities to meet the needs of the community. It should be noted that Biddulph Moor does not have a secondary school and that education facilities and services within the town have adequate supply at present but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective..	--
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. Biddulph Moor does not have a GP surgery. It should be noted that supply for health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and this is expected to worsen in the future without additional investment. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 60 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the village centre of Biddulph Moor as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly,	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BM030)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 400m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites?	The site is more than 2,000m from Biddulph Valley Way (Whitemoor) SSSI, the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have no effect on this asset. This site has not been subject to an ecology survey, so the exact effects are uncertain. The HRA notes	+/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BM030)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m of one grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness?	The site would be more than 2,000m of Biddulph Valley Way (Whitemoor) SSSI. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BM030)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?		
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Biddulph Moor has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Biddulph Moor and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 500m to existing area of employment within the village or District and, as such, could provide accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects:			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BM030)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
The proposed delivery of circa 60 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of existing employment is likely to have a positive effect, as could its location away from designated assets. However, the inaccessibility of services and facilities is likely to have a significant negative effect. Similarly, the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is assessed as having a negative effect, as is its location near to historic assets.			

Table 15.131

BM031

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BM031)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is set just outside of the village could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village, it is within 400m of the village centre but has insufficient services and facilities to meet the needs of the community. It should be noted that Biddulph Moor does not have a secondary school and that education facilities and services within the town have adequate supply at present but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BM031)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	Biddulph Moor does not have a GP surgery. It should be noted that supply for health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and this is expected to worsen in the future without additional investment. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 60 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the village centre of Biddulph Moor as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 400m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BM031)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is more than 2,000m from Biddulph Valley Way (Whitemoor) SSSI, the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have no effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has fairly low potential to support protected species as the habitats are species poor and poorly connected to other more biodiverse habitats; however the presence of buildings with bat roosting potential means the site is attributed some ecological value. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BM031)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m of one grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be more than 2,000m of Biddulph Valley Way (Whitemoor) SSSI. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Biddulph Moor has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Biddulph Moor and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BM031)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 500m to an existing area of employment within the village or District and, as such, could provide accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 60 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of existing employment is likely to have a positive effect. However, the inaccessibility of services and facilities is likely to have a significant negative effect. Similarly, the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is assessed as having a negative effect, as is its location near to historic assets and the ecological value of the site.			

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BM032

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BM032)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is set just outside of the village could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BM032)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?		
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village, it is within 400m of the village centre but has insufficient services and facilities to meet the needs of the community. It should be noted that Biddulph Moor does not have a secondary school and that education facilities and services within the town have adequate supply at present but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. Biddulph Moor does not have a GP surgery. It should be noted that supply for health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and this is expected to worsen in the future without additional investment. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 30 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the village centre of Biddulph Moor as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly,	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BM032)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 400m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites?	The site is more than 2,000m from Biddulph Valley Way (Whitemoor) SSSI, the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have no effect on this asset. This site has not been subject to an ecology survey, so the exact effects are uncertain. The HRA notes	+/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BM032)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m of one grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness?	The site would be more than 2,000m of Biddulph Valley Way (Whitemoor) SSSI. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BM032)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?		
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Biddulph Moor has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Biddulph Moor and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 500m to an existing area of employment within the village or District and, as such, could provide accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects:			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BM032)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
The proposed delivery of circa 30 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of existing employment is likely to have a positive effect. However, the inaccessibility of services and facilities is likely to have a significant negative effect. Similarly, the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is assessed as having a negative effect, as is its location near to historic assets.			

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BM035

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BM035)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is set just outside of the village could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village, it is within 400m of the village centre but has insufficient services and facilities to meet the needs of the community. It should be noted that Biddulph Moor does not have a secondary school and that education facilities and services within the town have adequate supply at present but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BM035)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. Biddulph Moor does not have a GP surgery. It should be noted that supply for health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and this is expected to worsen in the future without additional investment. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 35 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the village centre of Biddulph Moor as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 400m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BM035)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?		
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is more than 2,000m from Biddulph Valley Way (Whitemoor) SSSI, the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have no effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has low potential to support protected species and is fairly poorly connected to other more biodiverse habitats, therefore is attributed a low ecological value. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BM035)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?		
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m of one grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be more than 2,000m of Biddulph Valley Way (Whitemoor) SSSI. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BM035)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Biddulph Moor has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Biddulph Moor and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 500m to an existing area of employment within the village or District and, as such, could provide accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 35 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of existing employment is likely to have a positive effect. However, the inaccessibility of services and facilities is likely to have a significant negative effect. Similarly, the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is assessed as having a negative effect, as is its location near to historic assets.			

Table 15.134

Blythe Bridge & Forsbrook

Potentially suitable sites (5+ dwellings) - within the Development Boundary

BB021

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BB021)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is located in the centre of the village could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located in the centre of the village, it is within 400m of the village centre and the range of services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective residents of the site. The site is in proximity to Blythe Bridge High School and Sixth Form. It should be noted that the current supply of educational and community services and facilities is currently exceeding demand and is expected to do so for the foreseeable future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 400m of a GP surgery. It should be noted that the current supply of health care services and facilities is currently exceeding demand and is expected to do so for the foreseeable future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BB021)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 30 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the village centre of Blythe Bridge and Forsbrook as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop and train station. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 400m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BB021)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	Part of the site is located within a flood zone 2 and 3 area and, as such, it can be considered that the site would be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. The development could also be expected to lead to an increased is water demand within the District. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is more than 3,000m from Barlaston and Rough Close Common (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have no effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site as a whole contains a fairly diverse mosaic of wet grassland, riparian habitat, unmanaged semi-improved grassland and pockets of willow scrub, adjacent to a large pond, which could potentially support populations of amphibians, reptiles, raptors, owls, ground nesting birds and foraging bats. It is also deemed that the site could potentially qualify as an SBI for its potential floral diversity. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as urban ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BB021)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is more than 600m from a listed asset. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is limited scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be more than 3,000m of Barlaston and Rough Close Common (LNR). Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be no effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Blythe Bridge and Forsbrook has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Blythe Bridge and Forsbrook and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BB021)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 500m to an existing area of employment within the village or District and, as such, could provide accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 30 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as is the accessibility of the site to services and facilities and public transport. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of existing employment is likely to have a positive effect, as could the site's location away from historic assets. However, there is scope that the site could be designated SBI land which would have a significant negative effect, as would the partial flood zone 2 and 3 designation of the site. Similarly, the development of greenfield, urban ALC land is assessed as having a negative effect.			

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Potentially suitable sites (5+ dwellings) - outside the Development Boundary

BB027/28

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BB027/28)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BB027/28)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is located outside of the village boundary could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village, it is within 400m of the village centre and the range of services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective residents of the site. It should be noted that the current supply of educational and community services and facilities is currently exceeding demand and is expected to do so for the foreseeable future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 400m of a GP surgery. It should be noted that the current supply of health care services and facilities is currently exceeding demand and is expected to do so for the foreseeable future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 27 dwellings and therefore also	++

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BB027/28)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the village centre of Blythe Bridge and Forsbrook as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop and train station. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 400m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help	Part of the site is located within a flood zone 2 and 3 area and, as such, it can be considered that the site would be subject to risk from flooding. The development of a greenfield site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. The development could also be expected to lead to an increased is water demand within the District. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BB027/28)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? ● Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?		
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	● Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? ● Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? ● Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is more than 3,000m from Coyney Woods (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have no effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site itself has mostly low biodiversity value overall in terms of area as it consists of species poor improved grassland and tall ruderal vegetation with adjacent semi-natural broadleaved woodland and wet ditch. Although the site abuts Blyth Bridge Woods Bas it is deemed that development works are likely to have limited effect on its woodland biodiversity for what it has been designated for if a buffer zone is created. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	● Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? ● Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? ● Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? ● Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? ● Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as urban ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	● Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? ● Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? ● Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and	● Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural	The site is more than 400m from a listed asset. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is limited scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage	+/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BB027/28)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
archaeological assets along with their settings.	and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? ● Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	● Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? ● Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? ● Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be more than 3,000m of Coyney Woods (LNR). Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	● Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? ● Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	● Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? ● Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Blythe Bridge and Forsbrook has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Blythe Bridge and Forsbrook and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	● Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? ● Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BB027/28)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 500m to an existing area of employment within the village or District and, as such, could provide accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 27 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as is the accessibility of the site to services and facilities and public transport. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of existing employment is likely to have a positive effect, as could the site's location away from historic assets. However, the site is partially within flood zone 2 and 3 which is likely to have a significant negative effect. Similarly, the site is adjacent to Blyth Bridge Woods BAS which would have a negative effect, as would the development of greenfield, urban ALC land.			

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BB040

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BB040)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	SOCIAL		
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is located outside of the village boundary could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BB040)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village, it is within 800m of the village centre and the range of services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective residents of the site. It should be noted that the current supply of educational and community services and facilities is currently exceeding demand and is expected to do so for the foreseeable future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 800m of a GP surgery. It should be noted that the current supply of health care services and facilities is currently exceeding demand and is expected to do so for the foreseeable future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 12 dwellings. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 800m of the village centre of Blythe Bridge and Forsbrook as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 1,000m of a bus stop and train station. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BB040)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 800m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is more than 2,500m from Coyney Woods (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have no effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site generally has low biodiversity apart potentially from the scattered mature trees, seven of which have potential to support roosting bats and is attributed some ecological value as a consequence. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BB040)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as urban ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is more than 400m from a listed asset. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is limited scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be more than 2,500m of Coyney Woods (LNR). Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BB040)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Blythe Bridge and Forsbrook has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Blythe Bridge and Forsbrook and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,000m from existing areas of employment within the village or District and, as such, would fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 12 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services and facilities is likely to have a positive effect, as could the site's location away from historic assets. However, the development of greenfield, urban ALC land is assessed as having a negative effect, as is the ecological value of the site and the inaccessibility of areas of existing employment.			

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BB041 (ADD011)

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BB041)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is located outside of the village boundary could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village, it is within 700m of the village centre and the range of services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective residents of the site. It should be noted that the current supply of educational and community services and facilities is currently exceeding demand and is expected to do so for the foreseeable future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 700m of a GP surgery. It should be noted that the current supply of health care services and facilities is currently exceeding demand and is expected to do so for the foreseeable future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BB041)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 50 dwellings. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 700m of the village centre of Blythe Bridge and Forsbrook as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 1,000m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 700m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BB041)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?		
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is more than 2,500m from Coyney Woods (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have no effect on this asset. There are TPOs and 2 ponds on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as urban ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and	The site is more than 400m from a listed asset. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is limited scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BB041)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?		
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be more than 2,500m of Coyney Woods (LNR). Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Blythe Bridge and Forsbrook has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Blythe Bridge and Forsbrook and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,000m from existing areas of employment within the village or District and, as such, would fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BB041)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 50 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services and facilities is likely to have a positive effect, as could the site's location away from historic assets. However, the development of greenfield land forming part of the landscape setting to the settlement is assessed as having a negative effect, as is the ecological value of the site and the inaccessibility of areas of existing employment.			

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BB044

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BB044)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	SOCIAL		
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is located outside of the village boundary could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village, it is within 1,200m of the village centre and the range of services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective residents of the site. It should be noted that the current supply of educational and community services and facilities is currently exceeding demand and is expected to do so for the foreseeable future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BB044)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 1,200m of a GP surgery. It should be noted that the current supply of health care services and facilities is currently exceeding demand and is expected to do so for the foreseeable future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 30 dwellings. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 1,200m of the village centre of Blythe Bridge and Forsbrook as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop and 2,000m of a train station. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 1,200m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BB044)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?		
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	Part of the site is located within a flood zone 2 and 3 area and, as such, it can be considered that the site would be subject to risk from flooding. The development of a greenfield site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. The development could also be expected to lead to an increased is water demand within the District. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is more than 3,000m from Coyney Woods (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have no effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site itself although fairly florally species poor it is an important UKBAP priority wet woodland habitat mosaic and should have a management regime applied to encourage conservation rather than be developed. It also has the potential to support a number of UK protected species therefore is attributed ecological value. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as urban ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BB044)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?		
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m from a grade II listed asset. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of this historical heritage asset. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be more than 3,000m of Coyney Woods (LNR). Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BB044)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Blythe Bridge and Forsbrook has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Blythe Bridge and Forsbrook and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,000m from existing areas of employment within the village or District and, as such, would fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 30 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to public transport is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is partially within flood zone 2 and 3 which is likely to have a significant negative effect. Similarly, the development of greenfield, urban ALC land is assessed as having a negative effect, as is the ecological value of the site and the inaccessibility of areas of existing employment.			

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BB045

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BB045)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BB045)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is located outside of the village boundary could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village, it is within 1,200m of the village centre and the range of services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective residents of the site. It should be noted that the current supply of educational and community services and facilities is currently exceeding demand and is expected to do so for the foreseeable future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 1,200m of a GP surgery. It should be noted that the current supply of health care services and facilities is currently exceeding demand and is expected to do so for the foreseeable future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 15 dwellings. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BB045)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?		
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 1,200m of the village centre of Blythe Bridge and Forsbrook as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop and 2,000m of a train station. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 1,200m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of a brownfield site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. The development could also be expected to lead to increased water demand within the District. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BB045)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is more than 3,500m from Coyney Woods (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have no effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site itself although florally fairly species poor it has the potential to become a species rich grassland mosaic with an appropriate management regime applied to encourage conservation rather than be developed. The presence of a number of less common species could suggest that the site could have some species missed due to seasonal vegetative die back. The site also has potential to support roosting bats and reptiles so is therefore considered to have some ecological value. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as urban ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is more than 400m from a listed asset. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is limited scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of this historical heritage asset. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BB045)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be more than 3,500m of Coyney Woods (LNR). Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Blythe Bridge and Forsbrook has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Blythe Bridge and Forsbrook and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 1,000m to an existing area of employment within the village or District and, as such, could provide accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects:			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BB045)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
The proposed delivery of circa 15 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to public transport is likely to have a positive effect. The site's location away from historic assets is likely to have a positive effect. However, the development of greenfield, urban ALC land is assessed as having a negative effect, as is the ecological value of the site.			

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BB054

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BB054)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is located in the outside of the village boundary could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village, it is within 800m of the village centre and the range of services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective residents of the site. It should be noted that the current supply of educational and community services and facilities is currently exceeding demand and is expected to do so for the foreseeable future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BB054)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	Similarly, the site is within 800m of a GP surgery. It should be noted that the current supply of health care services and facilities is currently exceeding demand and is expected to do so for the foreseeable future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 70 dwellings. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 800m of the village centre of Blythe Bridge and Forsbrook as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop and 1,000m of a train station. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 800m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BB054)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	Part of the site is located within a flood zone 2 and 3 area and, as such, it can be considered that the site would be subject to risk from flooding. The development of a greenfield site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. The development could also be expected to lead to an increased is water demand within the District. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is more than 3,500m from Coyney Woods (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have no effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site itself has two trees with bat potential and species poor hedgerows which are connected to a series of other hedgerows and habitats within a rural landscape, so is therefore attributed some ecological value. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as urban ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BB054)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 50m of one grade II listed asset. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the historical heritage assets and its setting. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be more than 3,500m of Coyney Woods (LNR). Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Blythe Bridge and Forsbrook has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Blythe Bridge and Forsbrook and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BB054)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 500m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 70 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services, facilities and areas of existing employment is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site's partial location within a flood zone is assessed as having a significant negative effect. The development of greenfield, urban ALC land is assessed as having a negative effect, as is the ecological value of the site and the proximity of historic assets.			

Table 15.141

BB062

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BB062)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is located in the outside of the village boundary could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BB062)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?		
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village, it is within 800m of the village centre and the range of services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective residents of the site. It should be noted that the current supply of educational and community services and facilities is currently exceeding demand and is expected to do so for the foreseeable future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 800m of a GP surgery. It should be noted that the current supply of health care services and facilities is currently exceeding demand and is expected to do so for the foreseeable future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 20 dwellings. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport?	As noted previously, the site is within 800m of the village centre of Blythe Bridge and Forsbrook as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 1,000m of a bus stop and train station.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BB062)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 800m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is more than 2,500m from Coyney Woods (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have no effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site itself has species poor hedgerows which are connected to a series of other hedgerows and habitats within a rural landscape. Although the site has low biodiversity value the site is considered to have some ecological value overall as the pond could potentially support great	-/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BB062)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
		crested newts. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as urban ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is more than 500m from a listed asset. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is limited scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness?	The site would be more than 2,500m of Coyney Woods (LNR). Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BB062)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?		
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Blythe Bridge and Forsbrook has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Blythe Bridge and Forsbrook and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,000m from existing areas of employment within the village or District and, as such, would fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects:			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BB062)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
The proposed delivery of circa 20 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services and facilities is likely to have a positive effect, as could the site's location away from historic assets. However, the development of greenfield, urban ALC land is assessed as having a negative effect, as is the ecological value of the site.			

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BB086

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BB086)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is located outside of the village boundary could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village, it is within 800m of the village centre and the range of services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective residents of the site. It should be noted that the current supply of educational and community services and facilities is currently exceeding demand and is expected to do so for the foreseeable future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 800m of a GP surgery. It should be noted	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BB086)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	that the current supply of health care services and facilities is currently exceeding demand and is expected to do so for the foreseeable future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 15 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 800m of the village centre of Blythe Bridge and Forsbrook as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop and train station. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 800m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BB086)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of a brownfield site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. The development could also be expected to lead to increased water demand within the District. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is more than 2,500m from Coyney Woods (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have no effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site itself has one tree with bat potential and a species poor hedgerow which is poorly connected to habitats within a rural landscape, and therefore attributed some ecological value. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as urban ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BB086)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is more than 400m from a listed asset. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is limited scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be more than 2,500m of Coyney Woods (LNR). Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Blythe Bridge and Forsbrook has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Blythe Bridge and Forsbrook and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BB086)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 1,000m of an existing area of employment within the village or District and, as such, could provide accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 15 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services and facilities is likely to have a positive effect, as could the site's location away from historic assets. However, the development of greenfield, urban ALC land is assessed as having a negative effect, as is the ecological value of the site.			

Table 15.143

BB087

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BB087)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is located outside of the village boundary could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BB087)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?		
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village, it is within 800m of the village centre and the range of services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective residents of the site. It should be noted that the current supply of educational and community services and facilities is currently exceeding demand and is expected to do so for the foreseeable future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 800m of a GP surgery. It should be noted that the current supply of health care services and facilities is currently exceeding demand and is expected to do so for the foreseeable future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 46 dwellings. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport?	As noted previously, the site is within 800m of the village centre of Blythe Bridge and Forsbrook as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop and 1,000m of a train	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BB087)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	station. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 800m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of a brownfield site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. The development could also be expected to lead to increased water demand within the District. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is more than 3,500m from Barlaston and Rough Close Common (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have no effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has good potential to support protected species due to the presence of two ponds and associated riparian habitat as well as adequate terrestrial habitat and potential refuges. The site is also well connected to more biodiverse habitats and the wider	-/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BB087)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
		countryside. Therefore the site is considered to have ecological value. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as urban ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 50m of one grade II listed asset. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the historical heritage assets and its setting. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness?	The site would be more than 3,500m of Barlaston and Rough Close Common (LNR). Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BB087)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?		
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Blythe Bridge and Forsbrook has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Blythe Bridge and Forsbrook and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 500m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects:			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BB087)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
The proposed delivery of circa 46 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services and facilities is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site's proximity to historic assets is likely to have a negative effect. The development of greenfield, urban ALC land is assessed as having a negative effect, as is the ecological value of the site.			

Table 15.144

Other uses

BB021

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BB021)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is located in the centre of the village could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located in the centre of the village, it is within 400m of the village centre and the range of services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective employees of the site. It should be noted that the current supply of educational and community services and facilities is currently exceeding demand and is expected to do so for the foreseeable future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BB021)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide employees with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 400m of a GP surgery. It should be noted that the current supply of health care services and facilities is currently exceeding demand and is expected to do so for the foreseeable future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	This site has been proposed for employment uses with regards to this assessment. Therefore the development would provide no housing. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the village centre of Blythe Bridge and Forsbrook as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop and train station. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 400m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BB021)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?		
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	Part of the site is located within a flood zone 2 and 3 area and, as such, it can be considered that the site would be subject to risk from flooding. The development of a greenfield site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. The development could also be expected to lead to an increased is water demand within the District. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is more than 3,000m from Barlaston and Rough Close Common (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have no effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site as a whole contains a fairly diverse mosaic of wet grassland, riparian habitat, unmanaged semi-improved grassland and pockets of willow scrub, adjacent to a large pond, which could potentially support populations of amphibians, reptiles, raptors, owls, ground nesting birds and foraging bats. It is also deemed that the site could potentially qualify as an SBI for its potential floral diversity. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as urban ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BB021)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is more than 600m from a listed asset. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is limited scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be more than 3,000m of Barlaston and Rough Close Common (LNR). Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be no effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed employment use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BB021)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of an employment site within the village centre has the scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Blythe Bridge and Forsbrook and the wider District, as new employment could be expected to increase footfall in the nearby village centre. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this objective.	++
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site and the proposed employment use of the site could be considered to have a positive effect on businesses and the residents of Blythe Bridge and Forsbrook as is could strengthen and diversify the economy. Overall, this has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is proximity to areas of existing local employment provision as well as new employment provision generated by this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this objective.	++
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The development of new employment premises should have a significant positive effect on the vitality and viability of the District, strengthen economic growth and support a higher level of employment within the District, as is the accessibility of the site to services and facilities and public transport. Similarly, the site's location away from historic assets is likely to have a positive effect. However, there is scope that the site could be designated SBI land which would have a significant negative effect, as would the partial flood zone 2 and 3 designation of the site. Similarly, the development of greenfield, urban ALC land is assessed as having a negative effect.			

Table 15.145

BB087

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BB087)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BB087)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is located in the outside of the village boundary could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village, it is within 800m of the village centre and the range of services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective employees of the site. It should be noted that the current supply of educational and community services and facilities is currently exceeding demand and is expected to do so for the foreseeable future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide employees with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 800m of a GP surgery. It should be noted that the current supply of health care services and facilities is currently exceeding demand and is expected to do so for the foreseeable future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met?	This site has been proposed for employment uses with regards to this assessment. Therefore the development would provide no housing. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BB087)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?		
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 800m of the village centre of Blythe Bridge and Forsbrook as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop and 1,000m of a train station. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 800m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of a brownfield site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. The development could also be expected to lead to increased water demand within the District. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BB087)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is more than 3,500m from Barlaston and Rough Close Common (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have no effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has good potential to support protected species due to the presence of two ponds and associated riparian habitat as well as adequate terrestrial habitat and potential refuges. The site is also well connected to more biodiverse habitats and the wider countryside. Therefore the site is considered to have ecological value. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as urban ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 50m of one grade II listed asset. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the historical heritage assets and its setting. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BB087)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be more than 3,500m of Barlaston and Rough Close Common (LNR). Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed employment use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of an employment site within the village centre has the scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Blythe Bridge and Forsbrook and the wider District, as new employment could be expected to increase footfall in the nearby village centre. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this objective.	++
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site and the proposed employment use of the site could be considered to have a positive effect on businesses and the residents of Blythe Bridge and Forsbrook as is could strengthen and diversify the economy. Overall, this has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is proximity to areas of existing local employment provision as well as new employment provision generated by this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this objective.	++
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects:			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BB087)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
The development of new employment premises should have a significant positive effect on the vitality and viability of the District, strengthen economic growth and support a higher level of employment within the District. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services and facilities is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site's proximity to historic assets is likely to have a significant negative effect. The development of greenfield, urban ALC land is assessed as having a negative effect, as is the ecological value of the site.			

Table 15.146

15.4.1 Larger Villages: Brown Edge to Cheddleton

Brown Edge

Potentially suitable sites (5+ dwellings) - within the Development Boundary

BE003A

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BE003A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is within the village could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village, it is within 400m of the village centre but has insufficient services and facilities to meet the needs of the community. It should be noted that Brown Edge does not have a secondary school but supply of educational and community services and facilities currently exceeds demand and is expected to do so for the foreseeable future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. It should be noted that Brown Edge does not have a GP surgery and	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BE003A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	that the GP surgery serving the settlement currently has adequate supply but is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 6 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the village centre of Brown Edge as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 400m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BE003A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of a greenfield site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. The development could also be expected to lead to increased water demand within the District. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is more than 1,750m from Marshes Hill Common (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have no effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has mostly low biodiversity value overall in terms of area, surrounded by dwellings with poor connectivity to the wider countryside and therefore is deemed as having low ecological value. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BE003A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is more than 600m from a listed asset. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is limited scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be more than 1,750m from Marshes Hill Common (LNR). Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be limited effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Brown Edge has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Brown Edge and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BE003A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,500m to existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The site's proximity to the village centre could reduce the need to travel and as such have a positive effect on climate change which is likely to have a significant positive effect. The proposed delivery of circa 6 dwellings is considered to have a positive effect, as is its distance away from historic assets and low ecological value. However, the site is relatively inaccessible to services and facilities and areas of existing employment which is likely to have a significant negative effect. Similarly, the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is assessed as having a negative effect.			

Table 15.147

Potentially suitable sites (5+ dwellings) - within the Green Belt

BE032

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BE032)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	SOCIAL		
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is outside the village boundary could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BE032)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village, it is within 400m of the village centre but has insufficient services and facilities to meet the needs of the community. It should be noted that Brown Edge does not have a secondary school but supply of educational and community services and facilities currently exceeds demand and is expected to do so for the foreseeable future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. It should be noted that Brown Edge does not have a GP surgery and that the GP surgery serving the settlement currently has adequate supply but is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 35 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the village centre of Brown Edge as well as being within the open countryside which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BE032)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 400m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is more than 1,000m from Marshes Hill Common (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have no effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has mostly low biodiversity value overall in terms of area, although it is well connected to the wider countryside and is deemed to have a low ecological value overall. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BE032)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m of a grade II listed asset. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be more than 1,000m from Marshes Hill Common (LNR). Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BE032)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Brown Edge has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Brown Edge and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,500m to existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 35 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's low ecological value is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is relatively inaccessible to services and facilities and areas of existing employment which is likely to have a significant negative effect. Similarly, the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is assessed as having a negative effect, as is the site's proximity to historic assets.			

Table 15.148

BE041

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BE041)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BE041)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is outside the village boundary could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village, it is within 400m of the village centre but has insufficient services and facilities to meet the needs of the community. It should be noted that Brown Edge does not have a secondary school but supply of educational and community services and facilities currently exceeds demand and is expected to do so for the foreseeable future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. It should be noted that Brown Edge does not have a GP surgery and that the GP surgery serving the settlement currently has adequate supply but is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 50 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BE041)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?		
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the village centre of Brown Edge as well as being within the open countryside which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 400m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of a greenfield site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. The development could also be expected to lead to increased water demand within the District. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BE041)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is more than 1,250m from Marshes Hill Common (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have no effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has mostly low to medium biodiversity value overall in terms of area. It is surrounded by dwellings and species poor grassland with fairly good connectivity to the wider countryside, therefore is deemed to have some ecological value due to the presence of some areas of floral diversity and the assemblage of mature trees of which eight are deemed to have potential to support roosting bats. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is more than 400m from a listed asset. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is limited scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BE041)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be more than 1,250m from Marshes Hill Common (LNR). Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Brown Edge has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Brown Edge and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,500m to existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects:			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BE041)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
The proposed delivery of circa 50 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's distance away from historic assets is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is relatively inaccessible to services and facilities and areas of existing employment which is likely to have a significant negative effect. Similarly, the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is assessed as having a negative effect, as is the ecological value of the site.			

Table 15.149

BE044

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BE044)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is outside the village boundary could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village, it is within 400m of the village centre but has insufficient services and facilities to meet the needs of the community. It should be noted that Brown Edge does not have a secondary school but supply of educational and community services and facilities currently exceeds demand and is expected to do so for the foreseeable future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BE044)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	It should be noted that Brown Edge does not have a GP surgery and that the GP surgery serving the settlement currently has adequate supply but is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 20 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the village centre of Brown Edge as well as being within the open countryside which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 400m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BE044)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of a greenfield site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. The development could also be expected to lead to increased water demand within the District. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is more than 1,500m from Marshes Hill Common (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have no effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has mostly low biodiversity value overall in terms of area, surrounded by dwellings and species poor grassland with fairly good connectivity to the wider countryside. However the presence of mature trees especially with seven of them having the potential to support roosting bats qualifies the site to have some ecological value. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BE044)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is more than 600m from a listed asset. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is limited scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be more than 1,500m from Marshes Hill Common (LNR). Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Brown Edge has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Brown Edge and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BE044)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,500m to existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 20 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's distance away from historic assets is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is relatively inaccessible to services and facilities and areas of existing employment which is likely to have a significant negative effect. Similarly, the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is assessed as having a negative effect, as is the ecological value of the site.			

Table 15.150

BE045

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BE045)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is outside the village boundary could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BE045)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?		
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village, it is within 400m of the village centre but has insufficient services and facilities to meet the needs of the community. It should be noted that Brown Edge does not have a secondary school but supply of educational and community services and facilities currently exceeds demand and is expected to do so for the foreseeable future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. It should be noted that Brown Edge does not have a GP surgery and that the GP surgery serving the settlement currently has adequate supply but is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 35 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the village centre of Brown Edge as well as being within the open countryside which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BE045)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 400m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of a greenfield site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. The development could also be expected to lead to increased water demand within the District. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites?	The site is more than 1,500m from Marshes Hill Common (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have no effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site itself has five trees with bat potential, species rich hedgerows, and tall ruderal vegetation which are connected to a series of other	-/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BE045)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	hedgerows and habitats, that forms an important potentially biodiverse mosaic and therefore warrants being assigned some ecological value. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is more than 500m from a listed asset. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is limited scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness?	The site would be more than 1,500m from Marshes Hill Common (LNR). Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BE045)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Brown Edge has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Brown Edge and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,500m from existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects:			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BE045)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
The proposed delivery of circa 35 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's distance away from historic assets is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is relatively inaccessible to services and facilities and areas of existing employment which is likely to have a significant negative effect. Similarly, the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is assessed as having a negative effect, as is the ecological value of the site.			

Table 15.151

BE056

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BE056)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is outside the village boundary could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village, it is within 800m of the village centre but has insufficient services and facilities to meet the needs of the community. It should be noted that Brown Edge does not have a secondary school but supply of educational and community services and facilities currently exceeds demand and is expected to do so for the foreseeable future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BE056)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	It should be noted that Brown Edge does not have a GP surgery and that the GP surgery serving the settlement currently has adequate supply but is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 15 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 800m of the village centre of Brown Edge as well as being within the open countryside which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 800m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BE056)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of a greenfield site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. The development could also be expected to lead to increased water demand within the District. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is within 1,000m of Marshes Hill Common (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, there is scope that development could have an effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site itself has two trees with bat potential, and species rich hedgerows which form the main biodiversity interest and therefore the site has been deemed to have some ecological value, although is fairly poorly connected to other biodiverse habitats within the locality. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BE056)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is more than 400m from a listed asset. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is limited scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be more within 1,000m from Marshes Hill Common (LNR). Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Brown Edge has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Brown Edge and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BE056)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,500m from existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 15 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. However, the site is relatively inaccessible to services and facilities and areas of existing employment which is likely to have a significant negative effect. Similarly, the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is assessed as having a negative effect, as is the ecological value of the site.			

Table 15.152

BE060

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BE060)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	SOCIAL		
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is remote, outside the village boundary could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BE060)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village, it is within 400m of the village centre but has insufficient services and facilities to meet the needs of the community. It should be noted that Brown Edge does not have a secondary school but supply of educational and community services and facilities currently exceeds demand and is expected to do so for the foreseeable future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. It should be noted that Brown Edge does not have a GP surgery and that the GP surgery serving the settlement currently has adequate supply but is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 60 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the village centre of Brown Edge as well as being within the open countryside which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BE060)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 400m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of a greenfield site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. The development could also be expected to lead to increased water demand within the District. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is more than 1,500m from Marshes Hill Common (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have no effect on this asset. This site has not been subject to an ecology survey, so the exact effects are uncertain. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BE060)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m of a grade II listed asset. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be more within 1,500m from Marshes Hill Common (LNR). Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BE060)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Brown Edge has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Brown Edge and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,500m from existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 60 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's distance away from designated assets is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is relatively inaccessible to services and facilities and areas of existing employment which is likely to have a significant negative effect. Similarly, the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is assessed as having a negative effect, as is the site's proximity to historic assets.			

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ADD06

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (ADD06)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (ADD06)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is outside the village boundary could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village, it is within 400m of the village centre but has insufficient services and facilities to meet the needs of the community. It should be noted that Brown Edge does not have a secondary school but supply of educational and community services and facilities currently exceeds demand and is expected to do so for the foreseeable future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. It should be noted that Brown Edge does not have a GP surgery and that the GP surgery serving the settlement currently has adequate supply but is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the location and size of the site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 15 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (ADD06)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the village centre of Brown Edge as well as being within the open countryside which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 400m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites?	The site is more than 1,000m from Marshes Hill Common (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have no effect	+/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (ADD06)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	on this asset. This site has not been subject to an ecology survey, so the exact effects are uncertain. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m of a grade II listed asset. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement	The site would be more than 1,000m from Marshes Hill Common (LNR). Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (ADD06)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?		
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Brown Edge has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Brown Edge and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,500m to existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 15 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the location away from designated assets is considered to have a positive effect. However, the site is relatively inaccessible to services and facilities and areas of existing employment which is likely to have a significant negative effect. Similarly, the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is assessed as having a negative effect, as is the site's proximity to historic assets.			

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Cheddleton

Potentially suitable sites (5+ dwellings) - within the Development Boundary

CD004

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CD004)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	SOCIAL		
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is both inside and outside the village boundary could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village, it is within 1,200m of the village centre but has insufficient services and facilities to meet the needs of the community. It should be noted that Cheddleton does not have a secondary school but supply of educational and community services and facilities currently exceeds demand and is expected to do so for the foreseeable future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. It should be noted that Cheddleton does not have a GP surgery and that the GP surgery serving the settlement currently has adequate supply but is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CD004)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 18 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is more than 1,200m from the village centre of Cheddleton as well as being within the open countryside which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. Similarly, the site is more than 1,200m from the village centre and could increase the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CD004)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	development of a greenfield site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. The development could also be expected to lead to increased water demand within the District. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is more than 1,750m from Churnet Valley SSSI, the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have no effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that site has some potential for protected species to be present due to the proximity and connection to semi-natural broadleaved woodland. However, as a reptile survey is recommended the site is considered to have some ecological value. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns /	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural	The site is within 400m of two grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this	-/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CD004)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be more within 1,750m from Churnet Valley SSSI. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with access to the village centre of Cheddleton has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Cheddleton and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CD004)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 500m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 18 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as could the site's proximity to areas of existing employment. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of countryside and open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the inaccessibility of services and facilities is likely to have a significant negative effect. Similarly, the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is assessed as having a negative effect, as is the site's proximity to historic assets and the ecological value of the site.			

Table 15.155

CD017

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CD017)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	SOCIAL		
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a mixed brownfield and greenfield site that is both inside and outside the village boundary could help to improve the social and environmental quality of the village centre. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender	The site is located on the edge of the village, it is within 800m of the village centre but has insufficient services and facilities to meet the needs of the community. It should be noted that Cheddleton does not	--

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CD017)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	have a secondary school but supply of educational and community services and facilities currently exceeds demand and is expected to do so for the foreseeable future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. It should be noted that Cheddleton does not have a GP surgery and that the GP surgery serving the settlement currently has adequate supply but is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 29 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is more than 800m from the village centre of Cheddleton as well as being within the open countryside which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
ENVIRONMENTAL			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CD017)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. Similarly, the site is more than 800m from the village centre and could increase the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is more than 2,000m from Churnet Valley SSSI, the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have no effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that site has mostly low biodiversity value overall in terms of area. The major aspects of interest are focused on the species rich hedgerow and bat potential in the oak and sycamore trees and general potential for supporting breeding birds in the scattered trees and hedgerows. Therefore the site is deemed to have some ecological value. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CD017)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on mixed brownfield and greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	The development of this brownfield and greenfield site could enable the re-use of existing buildings. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development could incorporate sustainable materials. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m of four grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be more within 2,000m from Churnet Valley SSSI. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CD017)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Cheddleton has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Cheddleton and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 500m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 29 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as could the site's proximity to areas of existing employment. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of countryside and open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the inaccessibility of services and facilities is likely to have a significant negative effect. Similarly, the site's proximity to historic assets and the ecological value of the site is likely to have a negative effect.			

Table 15.156

CD029

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CD029)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is within the village boundary could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village, it is within 1,200m of the village centre but has insufficient services and facilities to meet the needs of the community. It should be noted that Cheddleton does not have a secondary school but supply of educational and community services and facilities currently exceeds demand and is expected to do so for the foreseeable future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. It should be noted that Cheddleton does not have a GP surgery and that the GP surgery serving the settlement currently has adequate supply but is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CD029)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 8 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is more than 1,200m from the village centre of Cheddleton as well as being within the open countryside which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 1,000m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. Similarly, the site is more than 1,200m from the village centre and could increase the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of a greenfield site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. The development could also be	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CD029)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	expected to lead to increased water demand within the District. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is more than 1,750m from Churnet Valley SSSI, the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have no effect on this asset. This site has not been subject to an ecology survey, so the exact effects are uncertain. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and	The site is more than 500m from listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is limited scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CD029)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?		
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be more within 1,750m from Churnet Valley SSSI. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with access to the village centre of Cheddleton has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Cheddleton and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 500m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects:			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CD029)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
The site's proximity to areas of existing employment is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the proposed delivery of circa 8 dwellings is likely to have a positive effect, as could the site's accessibility to areas of open countryside and location away from historic assets. However, the inaccessibility of services and facilities is likely to have a significant negative effect. Similarly, the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is assessed as having a negative effect, as is the site's inaccessibility to services and facilities.			

Table 15.157

CD060/CD118

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria -Does the site (CD0060/118)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	SOCIAL		
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is both inside and outside the village boundary could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village, it is within 400m of the village centre but has insufficient services and facilities to meet the needs of the community. It should be noted that Cheddleton does not have a secondary school but supply of educational and community services and facilities currently exceeds demand and is expected to do so for the foreseeable future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria -Does the site (CD0060/118)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. It should be noted that Cheddleton does not have a GP surgery and that the GP surgery serving the settlement currently has adequate supply but is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 113 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the village centre of Cheddleton as well as being within the open countryside which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 400m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria -Does the site (CD0060/118)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of a greenfield site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. The development could also be expected to lead to increased water demand within the District. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is more than 1,500m from Churnet Valley SSSI, the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have no effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has very low biodiversity value overall with only trees and the hedgerow having potential for supporting breeding birds, foraging bats and badger. Therefore the site is considered to have low ecological value. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as mixed grade 3 and 4 ALC land, so development of this site could result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria -Does the site (CD0060/118)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	The development of this brownfield and greenfield site could enable the re-use of existing buildings. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development could incorporate sustainable materials. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m from one grade II* listed asset and eight grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be more within 1,500m from Churnet Valley SSSI. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Cheddleton has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Cheddleton and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria -Does the site (CD0060/118)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,000m to existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 113 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. However, the inaccessibility of services and facilities is likely to have a significant negative effect. Similarly, the development of greenfield, grade 3 and 4 ALC land is assessed as having a negative effect, as is the site's proximity to historic assets and the inaccessibility of areas of existing employment.			

Table 15.158

CD069A

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CD0069A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CD0069A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is inside the village boundary could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village, it is within 800m of the village centre but has insufficient services and facilities to meet the needs of the community. It should be noted that Cheddleton does not have a secondary school but supply of educational and community services and facilities currently exceeds demand and is expected to do so for the foreseeable future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. It should be noted that Cheddleton does not have a GP surgery and that the GP surgery serving the settlement currently has adequate supply but is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 6 dwellings and therefore also	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CD0069A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 800m of the village centre of Cheddleton as well as being within the open countryside which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 800m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of a greenfield site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. The development could also be expected to lead to increased water demand within the District. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CD0069A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? ● Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?		
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	● Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? ● Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? ● Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is more than 2,250m from Churnet Valley SSSI, the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have no effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has mostly very low biodiversity overall and is located near to an urban environment with little connectivity to the wider countryside which lowers the biodiversity of the area considerably. Therefore the site is deemed to have low ecological value. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	● Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? ● Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? ● Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? ● Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? ● Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as mixed grade 4 ALC land, so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	● Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? ● Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? ● Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	● Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? ● Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns	The site is within 400m from one scheduled monument, seven grade II* listed assets and nineteen grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a	-/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CD0069A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be more within 2,250m from Churnet Valley SSSI. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Cheddleton has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Cheddleton and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,500m to existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CD0069A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 6 dwellings is considered to have a positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open countryside and low ecological value is likely to have a positive effect. However, the inaccessibility of services and facilities is likely to have a significant negative effect. Similarly, the site's inaccessibility to areas of existing employment is likely to have a significant negative effect. The development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is assessed as having a negative effect, as is the site's proximity to historic assets.			

Table 15.159

CD088

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CD088)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a mixed brownfield and greenfield site that is inside the village boundary could help to improve the social and environmental quality of the village centre. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village, it is within 400m of the village centre but has insufficient services and facilities to meet the needs of the community. It should be noted that Cheddleton does not have a secondary school but supply of educational and community services and facilities currently exceeds demand and is expected to do so for the foreseeable future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CD088)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. It should be noted that Cheddleton does not have a GP surgery and that the GP surgery serving the settlement currently has adequate supply but is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 7 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the village centre of Cheddleton as well as being within the open countryside which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 400m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CD088)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?		
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of a greenfield site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. The development could also be expected to lead to increased water demand within the District. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is more than 2,250m from Churnet Valley SSSI, the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have no effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has mostly very low biodiversity value overall and is set within an urban environment with little connectivity to the wider countryside which lowers the biodiversity of the area considerably. However, since there is potential for the building to support roosting bats the site is deemed to have some ecological value. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on mixed brownfield and greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as mixed grade 4 ALC land, so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CD088)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?		
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	The development of this brownfield and greenfield site could enable the re-use of existing buildings. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development could incorporate sustainable materials. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m from one scheduled monument and eight grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be more within 2,250m from Churnet Valley SSSI. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be limited effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CD088)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Cheddleton has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Cheddleton and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,000m to existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 7 dwellings is considered to have a positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open countryside is likely to have a positive effect. However, the inaccessibility of services and facilities is likely to have a significant negative effect. Similarly, the site's inaccessibility to areas of existing employment is likely to have a negative effect. The site's proximity to historic assets and the ecological value of the site is likely to have a negative effect.			

Table 15.160

Potentially suitable sites (5+ dwellings) - within the Green Belt

CD002

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CD002)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CD002)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is outside the village boundary could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village, it is within 1,200m of the village centre but has insufficient services and facilities to meet the needs of the community. It should be noted that Cheddleton does not have a secondary school but supply of educational and community services and facilities currently exceeds demand and is expected to do so for the foreseeable future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. It should be noted that Cheddleton does not have a GP surgery and that the GP surgery serving the settlement currently has adequate supply but is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 26 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CD002)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?		
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is more than 1,200m from the village centre of Cheddleton as well as being within the open countryside which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 1,000m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. Similarly, the site is more than 1,200m from the village centre and could increase the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of a greenfield site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. The development could also be expected to lead to increased water demand within the District. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CD002)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?		
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is more than 1,750m from Churnet Valley SSSI, the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have no effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that site has mostly low biodiversity value overall in terms of area. However, the major aspects of interest are the significant bat potential in the five trees and the species rich hedgerow which constitutes the site being given some ecological value. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns	The site is more than 500m from a listed asset. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is limited scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CD002)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?		
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be more within 1,750m from Churnet Valley SSSI. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with access to the village centre of Cheddleton has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Cheddleton and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 1,000m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CD002)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 26 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of existing employment and open countryside, as well as the site's location away from historic assets is likely to have a positive effect. However, the inaccessibility of services and facilities is likely to have a significant negative effect. Similarly, the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is assessed as having a negative effect, as is the site's ecological value.			

Table 15.161

CD003

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CD003)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	SOCIAL		
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is outside the village boundary could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership,	The site is located on the edge of the village, it is within 1,200m of the village centre but has insufficient services and facilities to meet the needs of the community. It should be noted that Cheddleton does not have a secondary school but supply of educational and community services and facilities currently exceeds demand and is expected to	--

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CD003)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	do so for the foreseeable future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. It should be noted that Cheddleton does not have a GP surgery and that the GP surgery serving the settlement currently has adequate supply but is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 70 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is more than 1,200m from the village centre of Cheddleton as well as being within the open countryside which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
ENVIRONMENTAL			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CD003)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. Similarly, the site is more than 1,200m from the village centre and could increase the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of a greenfield site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. The development could also be expected to lead to increased water demand within the District. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is more than 1,750m from Churnet Valley SSSI, the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have no effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that site has mostly low biodiversity value overall in terms of area. However, the major aspects of interest are the significant bat potential in the seven trees and species rich hedgerow which affords the site some ecological value. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CD003)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m from one grade II listed asset. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is limited scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be more within 1,750m from Churnet Valley SSSI. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CD003)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with access to the village centre of Cheddleton has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Cheddleton and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 500m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 70 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as is the site's accessibility to areas of existing employment. Similarly, the site's accessibility to the open countryside is likely to have a positive effect. However, the inaccessibility of services and facilities is likely to have a significant negative effect. Similarly, the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is assessed as having a negative effect, as is the site's ecological value and location near to historic assets.			

Table 15.162

CD007

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CD007)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CD007)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is outside the village boundary could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village, it is within 1,200m of the village centre but has insufficient services and facilities to meet the needs of the community. It should be noted that Cheddleton does not have a secondary school but supply of educational and community services and facilities currently exceeds demand and is expected to do so for the foreseeable future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. It should be noted that Cheddleton does not have a GP surgery and that the GP surgery serving the settlement currently has adequate supply but is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 14 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CD007)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?		
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is more than 1,200m from the village centre of Cheddleton as well as being within the open countryside which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. Similarly, the site is more than 1,200m from the village centre and could increase the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of a greenfield site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. The development could also be expected to lead to increased water demand within the District. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CD007)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? ● Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?		
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	● Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? ● Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? ● Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is more than 2,000m from Churnet Valley SSSI, the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have no effect on this asset. This site has not been subject to an ecology survey, so the exact effects are uncertain. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	● Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? ● Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? ● Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? ● Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? ● Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	● Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? ● Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? ● Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	● Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? ● Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m from one grade II listed asset. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is limited scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CD007)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be more within 2,000m from Churnet Valley SSSI. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with access to the village centre of Cheddleton has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Cheddleton and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 1,000m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects:			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CD007)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
The proposed delivery of circa 14 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to the open countryside and areas of existing employment is likely to have a positive effect. However, the inaccessibility of services and facilities is likely to have a significant negative effect. Similarly, the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is assessed as having a negative effect and location near to historic assets.			

Table 15.163

CD008

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CD008)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	SOCIAL		
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is outside the village boundary could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village, it is within 1,200m of the village centre but has insufficient services and facilities to meet the needs of the community. It should be noted that Cheddleton does not have a secondary school but supply of educational and community services and facilities currently exceeds demand and is expected to do so for the foreseeable future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. It should be noted that Cheddleton does not have a GP surgery and that the GP surgery serving the settlement currently has adequate supply but is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CD008)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 23 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 1,200m from the village centre of Cheddleton as well as being within the open countryside which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. Similarly, the site is within 1,200m from the village centre and could increase the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	-
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CD008)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	development of a greenfield site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. The development could also be expected to lead to increased water demand within the District. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is more than 2,000m from Churnet Valley SSSI, the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have no effect on this asset. This site has not been subject to an ecology survey, so the exact effects are uncertain. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural	The site is within 400m from two grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is limited scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical	-/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CD008)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
archaeological assets along with their settings.	and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be more within 2,000m from Churnet Valley SSSI. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with access to the village centre of Cheddleton has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Cheddleton and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CD008)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 500m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 23 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as is the site's accessibility to areas of existing employment. Similarly, the site's accessibility to the open countryside is likely to have a positive effect. However, the inaccessibility of services and facilities is likely to have a significant negative effect. Similarly, the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is assessed as having a negative effect and location near to historic assets.			

Table 15.164

CD015

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CD015)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	SOCIAL		
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is outside the village boundary could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender	The site is located on the edge of the village, it is within 1,200m of the village centre but has insufficient services and facilities to meet the needs of the community. It should be noted that Cheddleton does not	--

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CD015)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	have a secondary school but supply of educational and community services and facilities currently exceeds demand and is expected to do so for the foreseeable future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. It should be noted that Cheddleton does not have a GP surgery and that the GP surgery serving the settlement currently has adequate supply but is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 30 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 1,200m from the village centre of Cheddleton as well as being within the open countryside which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
ENVIRONMENTAL			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CD015)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. Similarly, the site is within 1,200m from the village centre and could increase the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	-
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of a greenfield site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. The development could also be expected to lead to increased water demand within the District. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is more than 2,000m from Churnet Valley SSSI, the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have no effect on this asset. This site has not been subject to an ecology survey, so the exact effects are uncertain. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CD015)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m from three grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is limited scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be more within 2,000m from Churnet Valley SSSI. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CD015)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with access to the village centre of Cheddleton has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Cheddleton and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 500m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 30 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as is the site's accessibility to areas of existing employment. Similarly, the site's accessibility to the open countryside is likely to have a positive effect. However, the inaccessibility of services and facilities is likely to have a significant negative effect. Similarly, the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is assessed as having a negative effect and location near to historic assets.			

Table 15.165

CD019

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CD019)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CD019)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is outside the village boundary could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village, it is within 800m of the village centre but has insufficient services and facilities to meet the needs of the community. It should be noted that Cheddleton does not have a secondary school but supply of educational and community services and facilities currently exceeds demand and is expected to do so for the foreseeable future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. It should be noted that Cheddleton does not have a GP surgery and that the GP surgery serving the settlement currently has adequate supply but is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 39 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CD019)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 800m from the village centre of Cheddleton as well as being within the open countryside which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 800m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of a greenfield site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. The development could also be expected to lead to increased water demand within the District. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites?	The site is more than 2,000m from Churnet Valley SSSI, the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have no effect on this	+/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CD019)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that site has mostly low biodiversity value overall in terms of area. The major aspects of interest are focussed on the species rich hedgerow and bat potential in the oak and sycamore trees and general potential for supporting breeding birds in the scattered trees and hedgerows. Therefore the site is deemed to have some ecological value. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m from eight grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is limited scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness?	The site would be more within 2,000m from Churnet Valley SSSI. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CD019)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Cheddleton has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Cheddleton and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 500m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects:			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CD019)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
The proposed delivery of circa 39 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as is the site's accessibility to areas of existing employment. Similarly, the site's accessibility the open countryside is likely to have a positive effect. However, the inaccessibility of services and facilities is likely to have a significant negative effect. Similarly, the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is assessed as having a negative effect and its location near to historic assets.			

Table 15.166

CD115: residential

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CD115: residential)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is outside the village boundary could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village, it is within 400m of the village centre but has insufficient services and facilities to meet the needs of the community. It should be noted that Cheddleton does not have a secondary school but supply of educational and community services and facilities currently exceeds demand and is expected to do so for the foreseeable future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CD115: residential)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. It should be noted that Cheddleton does not have a GP surgery and that the GP surgery serving the settlement currently has adequate supply but is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 104 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the village centre of Cheddleton as well as being within the open countryside which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 400m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CD115: residential)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of a greenfield site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. The development could also be expected to lead to increased water demand within the District. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is more than 2,000m from Churnet Valley SSSI, the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have no effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has very low biodiversity value overall with only trees and the hedgerow having potential for supporting breeding birds, and foraging bats and badger. Therefore the site is attributed a low ecological value. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 3 ALC land, so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CD115: residential)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m from one grade II* listed asset and ten grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be more within 2,000m from Churnet Valley SSSI. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Cheddleton has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Cheddleton and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CD115: residential)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 1,000m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 104 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services, facilities and areas of existing employment is likely to have a positive effect. However, the inaccessibility of services and facilities and development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land is likely to have a significant negative effect. Similarly, the sites proximity to historic assets is likely to have a negative effect.			

Table 15.167

Other Uses

CD115: Non residential

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CD115: alternative uses)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is outside the village boundary could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CD115: alternative uses)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?		
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village, it is within 400m of the village centre but has insufficient services and facilities to meet the needs of the community. However, the proposed mixed use of this site may introduce new services and facilities into the village. It should be noted that Cheddleton does not have a secondary school but supply of educational and community services and facilities currently exceeds demand and is expected to do so for the foreseeable future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents and employees with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. It should be noted that Cheddleton does not have a GP surgery and that the GP surgery serving the settlement currently has adequate supply but is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 104 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. It is acknowledge that the site is proposed as mixed use which may reduce the quantum of housing delivered by this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CD115: alternative uses)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the village centre of Cheddleton as well as being within the open countryside which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 400m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of a greenfield site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. The development could also be expected to lead to increased water demand within the District. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites?	The site is more than 2,000m from Churnet Valley SSSI, the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have no effect on this	+/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CD115: alternative uses)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has very low biodiversity value overall with only trees and the hedgerow having potential for supporting breeding birds, and foraging bats and badger. Therefore the site is attributed a low ecological value. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 3 ALC land, so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m from one grade II* listed asset and ten grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness?	The site would be more within 2,000m from Churnet Valley SSSI. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CD115: alternative uses)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed mixed use of this site could have an effect on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. Similarly, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a mixed use site with good access to the village centre of Cheddleton has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Cheddleton and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site and proposed employment use of the site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions and strengthen and diversify the economy. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	++
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 1,000m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective resident as well as new employment provision on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects:			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CD115: alternative uses)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
The development of new employment premises should have a significant positive effect on the vitality and viability of the District, strengthen economic growth and support a higher level of employment within the District. Similarly, the provision of housing provided is likely to have a significant positive effect. However, the inaccessibility of services and facilities and development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land is likely to have a significant negative effect. Similarly, the site's proximity to historic assets is likely to have a negative effect.			

Table 15.168

15.4.2 Larger villages: Endon to Kingsley

Endon

Potentially suitable sites (5+ dwellings) - within the Development Boundary

EN128

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (EN128)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is set inside of the settlement boundary, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located in the centre of the village and is within 400m of the village centre and the range of services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective residents of the site. The site is in proximity to Endon High School. It should be noted that the current supply of educational services and facilities currently falls short of demand and the situation is likely to worsen in the future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 800m of a GP surgery. It should be noted	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (EN128)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	that the current supply of health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and the situation is likely to worsen in the future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 27 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the village centre of Endon and 800m of a GP surgery as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 400m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (EN128)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is more than 2,000m from Marshes Hill Common (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered not to have an effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has fairly low biodiversity value overall and the site is set within a mainly urban environment with poor connectivity to the wider countryside. However, the site has been attributed some ecological value due to the presence of one tree with bat roosting potential and a species rich hedgerow. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on mixed brownfield and greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (EN128)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	The development of this brownfield and greenfield site could enable the re-use of existing buildings. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development could incorporate sustainable materials. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m of three grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be more than 2,000m from Marshes Hill Common (LNR) and would not increase external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there would be limited effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Endon has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Endon and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (EN128)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,500m from existing areas of employment within the village or District and, as such, would fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 27 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as is the site's proximity to services and facilities. Similarly, the site's accessibility to health care and open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to areas of existing employment which is likely to have a significant negative effect. The site's proximity to historic assets and ecological value is likely to have a negative effect.			

Table 15.169

Potentially suitable sites (5+ dwellings) - within the Green Belt

EN007

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (EN007)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (EN007)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is set outside of the settlement boundary, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village and is within 400m of the village centre and the range of services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective residents of the site. It should be noted that the current supply of educational services and facilities currently falls short of demand and the situation is likely to worsen in the future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 400m of a GP surgery. It should be noted that the current supply of health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and the situation is likely to worsen in the future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 45 dwellings and therefore also	++

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (EN007)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the village centre of Endon and a GP surgery as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 400m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help	Part of the site is located within a flood zone 3 area and, as such, it can be considered that the site would be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this objective.	--

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (EN007)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? ● Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?		
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	● Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? ● Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? ● Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is more than 2,250m from Marshes Hill Common (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is not considered to have an effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site is directly adjacent to a housing estate and species poor grasslands, which reduces the value of the site as a whole to bats and other species of wildlife. The site also has mostly low biodiversity value overall in terms of area, but due to its assemblage of mature trees and wet areas with associated fauna the site is deemed as of some ecological value in terms of its loss to the wider countryside. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	● Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? ● Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? ● Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? ● Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? ● Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	● Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? ● Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? ● Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and	● Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural	The site is within 400m of one scheduled monument and sixteen grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of	-/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (EN007)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
archaeological assets along with their settings.	and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The proposal would be more than 2,250m from Marshes Hill Common (LNR) and would not increase external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Endon has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Endon and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (EN007)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,500m from existing areas of employment within the village or District and, as such, would fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 45 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as is the site's proximity to services and facilities. Similarly, the site's accessibility to health care and open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to areas of existing employment which is likely to have a significant negative effect, as could its partial location within a flood zone. The development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is assessed as having a negative effect, as is the site's proximity to historic assets and ecological value.			

Table 15.170

EN012

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (EN012)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	SOCIAL		
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is set outside of the settlement boundary, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (EN012)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village and is within 800m of the village centre and the range of services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective residents of the site. It should be noted that the current supply of educational services and facilities currently falls short of demand and the situation is likely to worsen in the future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 800m of a GP surgery. It should be noted that the current supply of health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and the situation is likely to worsen in the future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 24 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 800m of the village centre of Endon and a GP surgery as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (EN012)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 800m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of a brownfield site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. The development could also be expected to lead to increased water demand within the District. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is more than 1,500m from Marshes Hill Common (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is not considered to have an effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has mostly low biodiversity value overall in terms of area though the dry ditch to the east adds some extra biodiversity to the site. The major aspects of interest across the site is the significant bat potential in the two trees and general potential for supporting reptiles and amphibians that warrants the site being attributed some ecological value. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (EN012)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m of one grade II listed asset. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The proposal would be more than 1,500m from Marshes Hill Common (LNR) and would not increase external pressures on these sites.. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (EN012)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Endon has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Endon and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,500m from existing areas of employment within the village or District and, as such, would fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 24 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services, facilities and open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to areas of existing employment which is likely to have a significant negative effect. The development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is assessed as having a negative effect, as is the site's proximity to historic assets and ecological value.			

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EN019

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (EN019)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is set outside of the settlement boundary, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village and is within 800m of the village centre and the range of services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective residents of the site. It should be noted that the current supply of educational services and facilities currently falls short of demand and the situation is likely to worsen in the future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 800m of a GP surgery. It should be noted that the current supply of health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and the situation is likely to worsen in the future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (EN019)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 8 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 800m of the village centre of Endon and a GP surgery as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 800m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (EN019)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	development of a brownfield site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. The development could also be expected to lead to increased water demand within the District. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is more than 1,750m from Marshes Hill Common (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is not considered to have an effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has mostly low biodiversity value overall in terms of area with the major aspect of interest being the significant bat potential in the one tree, which affords some ecological value. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns /	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural	The site is within 400m of eight grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this	-/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (EN019)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The proposal would be more than 1,750m from Marshes Hill Common (LNR) and would not increase external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Endon has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Endon and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (EN019)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,500m from existing areas of employment within the village or District and, as such, would fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 8 dwellings is considered to have a positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services, facilities and open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to areas of existing employment which is likely to have a significant negative effect. The development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is assessed as having a negative effect, as is the site's proximity to historic assets and ecological value.			

Table 15.172

EN024 (residential)

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (EN024)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is set outside of the settlement boundary, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due	The site is located on the edge of the village and is within 800m of the village centre and the range of services and facilities that can be	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (EN024)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	found here that could serve prospective residents of the site. The site is in proximity to Endon High School. It should be noted that the current supply of educational services and facilities currently falls short of demand and the situation is likely to worsen in the future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 800m of a GP surgery. It should be noted that the current supply of health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and the situation is likely to worsen in the future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 7 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 800m of the village centre of Endon and a GP surgery as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (EN024)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 800m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	Part of the site is located within a flood zone 3 area and, as such, it can be considered that the site would be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this objective.	--
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is more than 2,250m from Marshes Hill Common (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is not considered to have an effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has fairly low biodiversity value overall, mainly being improved grazed grassland. The trees and hedgerow have potential for supporting foraging bats and badger as well as terrestrial habitat for amphibians and reptiles. Therefore the site is attributed some ecological value. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (EN024)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m of two grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The proposal would be more than 2,250m from Marshes Hill Common (LNR) and would not increase external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (EN024)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Endon has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Endon and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,500m from existing areas of employment within the village or District and, as such, would fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 7 dwellings is considered to have a positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services, facilities and open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to areas of existing employment which is likely to have a significant negative effect, as could its partial location within a flood zone. The development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is assessed as having a negative effect, as is the site's proximity to historic assets and ecological value.			

Table 15.173

EN030

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (EN030)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (EN030)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is set outside of the settlement boundary, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village and is within 1,200m of the village centre and the range of services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective residents of the site. It should be noted that the current supply of educational services and facilities currently falls short of demand and the situation is likely to worsen in the future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 1,200m of a GP surgery. It should be noted that the current supply of health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and the situation is likely to worsen in the future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 10 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this	++

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (EN030)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 1,200m of the village centre of Endon and a GP surgery as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 1,200m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	Part of the site is located within a flood zone 2 area and, as such, it can be considered that the site would be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this objective.	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (EN030)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is more than 2,250m from Marshes Hill Common (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is not considered to have an effect on this asset. This site has not been subject to an ecology survey, so the exact effects are uncertain. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m of one scheduled monument, one grade II* listed asset, seventeen grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness?	The proposal would be more than 2,250m from Marshes Hill Common (LNR) and would not increase external pressures on these sites.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (EN030)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Endon has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Endon and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,500m from existing areas of employment within the village or District and, as such, would fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects:			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (EN030)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
The proposed delivery of circa 10 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services, facilities is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to areas of existing employment which is likely to have a significant negative effect. The development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land partially within flood zone 2 is assessed as having a negative effect, as is the site's proximity to historic assets.			

Table 15.174

EN033

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (EN033)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is set outside of the settlement boundary, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village and is within 400m of the village centre and the range of services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective residents of the site. It should be noted that the current supply of educational services and facilities currently falls short of demand and the situation is likely to worsen in the future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (EN033)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	Similarly, the site is within 400m of a GP surgery. It should be noted that the current supply of health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and the situation is likely to worsen in the future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 12 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the village centre of Endon and a GP surgery as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 400m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (EN033)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of a brownfield site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. The development could also be expected to lead to increased water demand within the District. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is more than 2,500m from Marshes Hill Common (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is not considered to have an effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has mostly low biodiversity value overall in terms of area and is poorly connected to other more diverse habitats apart from two ponds less than 200m away to the east, which increases the sites ecological value in terms of its loss within the wider countryside. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (EN033)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m of one grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The proposal would be more than 2,500m from Marshes Hill Common (LNR) and would not increase external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Endon has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Endon and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (EN033)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,500m from existing areas of employment within the village or District and, as such, would fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 12 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as is the accessibility of services and facilities. Similarly, the site's accessibility to health care and open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to areas of existing employment which is likely to have a significant negative effect. The development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is assessed as having a negative effect, as is the site's proximity to historic assets and ecological value.			

Table 15.175

EN079

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (EN079)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is set outside of the settlement boundary, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (EN079)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?		
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village and is within 400m of the village centre and the range of services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective residents of the site. It should be noted that the current supply of educational services and facilities currently falls short of demand and the situation is likely to worsen in the future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 400m of a GP surgery. It should be noted that the current supply of health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and the situation is likely to worsen in the future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 18 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the village centre of Endon and a GP surgery as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (EN079)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 400m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	Part of the site is located within a flood zone 3 area and, as such, it can be considered that the site would be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this objective.	--
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites?	The site is more than 2,250m from Marshes Hill Common (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is not considered to have an effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site is directly adjacent to a housing estate and species poor grasslands, which reduces the value of the site as a whole to bats and other	-/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (EN079)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	species of wildlife. The site also has mostly low biodiversity value overall in terms of area, but due to its assemblage of mature trees and wet areas with associated fauna the site is attributed some ecological value in terms of its loss to the wider countryside. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m of one scheduled monument and seventeen grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness?	The proposal would be more than 2,500m from Marshes Hill Common (LNR) and would not increase external pressures on these sites. Given	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (EN079)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Endon has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Endon and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,500m from existing areas of employment within the village or District and, as such, would fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects:			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (EN079)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
The proposed delivery of circa 18 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as is the accessibility of services and facilities. Similarly, the site's accessibility to health care and open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to areas of existing employment which is likely to have a significant negative effect, as could its partial location within a flood zone. The development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is assessed as having a negative effect, as is the site's proximity to historic assets and ecological value.			

Table 15.176

EN101

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (EN101)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is set outside of the settlement boundary, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village and is within 800m of the village centre and the range of services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective residents of the site. It should be noted that the current supply of educational services and facilities currently falls short of demand and the situation is likely to worsen in the future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (EN101)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	Similarly, the site is within 800m of a GP surgery. It should be noted that the current supply of health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and the situation is likely to worsen in the future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 54 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 800m of the village centre of Endon and a GP surgery as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 800m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (EN101)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of a brownfield site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. The development could also be expected to lead to increased water demand within the District. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is more than 1,750m from Marshes Hill Common (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is not considered to have an effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site is directly adjacent to a housing estate and species poor grasslands, but is well connected to other more biodiverse habitats. The site also has mostly low biodiversity value overall in terms of area. However, the major aspects of interest are the significant bat roosting potential in the ten trees, connectivity to other more biodiverse habitats and the dry ditch that could support reptile populations which warrants the site being attributed some ecological value. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (EN101)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m of eighteen grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The proposal would be more than 1,750m from Marshes Hill Common (LNR) and would not increase external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Endon has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Endon and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (EN101)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,500m from existing areas of employment within the village or District and, as such, would fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 54 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services and facilities and open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to areas of existing employment which is likely to have a significant negative effect. The development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is assessed as having a negative effect, as is the site's proximity to historic assets and ecological value.			

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EN125

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (EN125)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	SOCIAL		
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is set outside of the settlement boundary, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by	The site is located on the edge of the village and is within 1,200m of the village centre and the range of services and facilities that can be	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (EN125)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	found here that could serve prospective residents of the site. It should be noted that the current supply of educational services and facilities currently falls short of demand and the situation is likely to worsen in the future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 1,200m of a GP surgery. It should be noted that the current supply of health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and the situation is likely to worsen in the future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 14 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 1,200m of the village centre of Endon and a GP surgery as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (EN125)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 1,200m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of a brownfield site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. The development could also be expected to lead to increased water demand within the District. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is more than 2,250m from Marshes Hill Common (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is not considered to have an effect on this asset. This site has not been subject to an ecology survey, so the exact effects are uncertain. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (EN125)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m of one scheduled monument, one grade II* listed asset and twenty three grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The proposal would be more than 2,250m from Marshes Hill Common (LNR) and would not increase external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (EN125)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Endon has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Endon and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,500m from existing areas of employment within the village or District and, as such, would fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 14 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to health care and open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to areas of existing employment which is likely to have a significant negative effect. The development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is assessed as having a negative effect, as is the site's proximity to historic assets.			

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EN126

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria -Does the site (EN126)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is set outside of the settlement boundary, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria -Does the site (EN126)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?		
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village and is within 400m of the village centre and the range of services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective residents of the site. It should be noted that the current supply of educational services and facilities currently falls short of demand and the situation is likely to worsen in the future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 400m of a GP surgery. It should be noted that the current supply of health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and the situation is likely to worsen in the future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 12 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria -Does the site (EN126)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the village centre of Endon and a GP surgery as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 400m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	Part of the site is located within a flood zone 3 area and, as such, it can be considered that the site would be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this objective.	--
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites?	The site is more than 2,500m from Marshes Hill Common (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is not considered to have an effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has fairly poor biodiversity and has poor connectivity to the wider	-/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria -Does the site (EN126)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	countryside. However, as the site has a number of trees with bat roosting potential and habitats that could support reptiles and terrestrial amphibians the site has been attributed some ecological value. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m of one grade II listed asset. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness?	The proposal would be more than 2,500m from Marshes Hill Common (LNR) and would not increase external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria -Does the site (EN126)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Endon has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Endon and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,500m from existing areas of employment within the village or District and, as such, would fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects:			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria -Does the site (EN126)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
The proposed delivery of circa 12 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as could its accessibility to services and facilities. Similarly, the site's accessibility to health care and open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to areas of existing employment which is likely to have a significant negative effect, as could its partial location within a flood zone. The development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is assessed as having a negative effect, as is the site's proximity to historic assets and ecological value.			

Table 15.179

Other Uses

EN024 - employment

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (EN024 for employment)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	SOCIAL		
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is set outside of the settlement boundary, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage	The site is located on the edge of the village and is within 800m of the village centre and the range of services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective employees of the site. The site is in proximity to Endon High School. It should be noted that the	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (EN024 for employment)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	/ civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? ● Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	current supply of educational services and facilities currently falls short of demand and the situation is likely to worsen in the future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	● Help improve health or access to health facilities? ● Help promote healthy lifestyles? ● Help to reduce health inequalities? ● Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 800m of a GP surgery. It should be noted that the current supply of health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and the situation is likely to worsen in the future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	● Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? ● Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	● Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? ● Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? ● Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	The site has been proposed for employment uses with regards to this assessment. Therefore the development would provide no housing. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	● Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? ● Support the use of public transport? ● Support safe walking and cycling? ● Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 800m of the village centre of Endon and a GP surgery as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (EN024 for employment)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 800m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	Part of the site is located within a flood zone 3 area and, as such, it can be considered that the site would be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this objective.	--
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is more than 2,250m from Marshes Hill Common (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is not considered to have an effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has fairly low biodiversity value overall, mainly being improved grazed grassland. The trees and hedgerow have potential for supporting foraging bats and badger as well as terrestrial habitat for amphibians and reptiles. Therefore the site is attributed some ecological value. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (EN024 for employment)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m of two grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The proposal would be more than 2,250m from Marshes Hill Common (LNR) and would not increase external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed employment use of this site could have an effect on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. Similarly, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (EN024 for employment)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a employment site with good access to the village centre of Endon has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Endon and the wider District, as new employees could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site and the proposed employment use of the site could be considered to have a positive effect on businesses and the residents of Endon as it could strengthen and diversify the economy. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The creation of new employment provision by the site could be expected to help meet the employment needs of people within the village and wider district . Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The development of new employment premises should have a significant positive effect on the vitality and viability of the District, strengthen economic growth and support a higher level of employment within the District. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open countryside, services and facilities and low ecological value is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is partially located within a flood zone which is likely to have a significant negative effect. The development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is assessed as having a negative effect, as is the site's proximity to historic assets.			

Table 15.180

Ipstones

Potentially suitable sites (5+ dwellings) - within the Development Boundary

IP019

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (IP019)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is outside of the settlement boundary, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village and is within 400m of the village centre and the limited range of services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective residents of the site. It should be noted that Ipstones does not have a secondary school but that the current supply of educational services and facilities exceeds demand and is expected to do so for the foreseeable future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 400m of a GP surgery. It should be noted that the current supply of health care services and facilities is currently adequate but is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (IP019)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 35 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the village centre of Ipstones and a GP surgery as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 400m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (IP019)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is within 1,000m from Churnet Valley SSSI, the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have an effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that apart from roosting bats the site has little potential to support protected species and fairly poorly connected to the wider countryside, but their presence gives the site some ecological value. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (IP019)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m of one grade II* listed asset and twenty seven grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be within 1,000m of Churnet Valley SSSI and could increase external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural regeneration. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Ipstones has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Ipstones and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (IP019)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 1,000m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 35 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services and facilities and areas of existing employment is likely to have a positive effect. However, the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is assessed as having a negative effect, as is the site's proximity to designated and historic assets and ecological value.			

Table 15.181

Potentially suitable sites (5+ dwellings) - outside the Development Boundary

IP011

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (IP011)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is outside of the settlement boundary, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (IP011)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village and is within 400m of the village centre and the limited range of services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective residents of the site. It should be noted that Ipstones does not have a secondary school but that the current supply of educational services and facilities exceeds demand and is expected to do so for the foreseeable future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 400m of a GP surgery. It should be noted that the current supply of health care services and facilities is currently adequate but is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 15 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the village centre of Ipstones and a GP surgery as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (IP011)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 400m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is within 1,250m from Churnet Valley SSSI, the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is not considered to have an effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that site has little potential to support protected species apart from foraging bats and badger, and is fairly poorly connected to the wider countryside, though as a species rich hedgerow is present the site is attributed some ecological value. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (IP011)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m of one grade II* listed asset and twenty four grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be within 1,250m of Churnet Valley SSSI and would not increase external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (IP011)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural regeneration. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Ipstones has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Ipstones and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 1,000m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 15 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services and facilities and areas of existing employment is likely to have a positive effect. However, the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is assessed as having a negative effect, as is the site's proximity to historic assets and ecological value.			

Table 15.182

IP012A

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (IP012A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	SOCIAL		
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is outside of the settlement boundary, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village and is within 400m of the village centre and the limited range of services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective residents of the site. It should be noted that Ipstones does not have a secondary school but that the current supply of educational services and facilities exceeds demand and is expected to do so for the foreseeable future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 400m of a GP surgery. It should be noted that the current supply of health care services and facilities is currently adequate but is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 20 dwellings and therefore also	++

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (IP012A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the village centre of Ipstones and a GP surgery as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 400m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (IP012A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? ● Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?		
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	● Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? ● Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? ● Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is within 1,250m from Churnet Valley SSSI, the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is not considered to have an effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that although the site has little potential to support a large variety of protected species and is fairly poorly connected to the wider countryside, the site is attributed some ecological value due to a number of trees with potential to support roosting bats and a species rich hedgerow. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	● Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? ● Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? ● Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? ● Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? ● Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	● Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? ● Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? ● Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	● Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? ● Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns	The site is within 400m of one grade II* listed asset and twenty four grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (IP012A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?		
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be within 1,250m of Churnet Valley SSSI and would not increase external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural regeneration. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Ipstones has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Ipstones and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels?	The site is within 1,000m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (IP012A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?		
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 20 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services and facilities and areas of existing employment is likely to have a positive effect. However, the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is assessed as having a negative effect, as is the site's proximity to historic assets and ecological value.			

Table 15.183

IP014A

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (IP014A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is outside of the settlement boundary, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage	The site is located on the edge of the village and is within 400m of the village centre and the limited range of services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective residents of the site. It should be noted that Ipstones does not have a secondary school but	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (IP014A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	/ civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? ● Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	that the current supply of educational services and facilities exceeds demand and is expected to do so for the foreseeable future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	● Help improve health or access to health facilities? ● Help promote healthy lifestyles? ● Help to reduce health inequalities? ● Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 400m of a GP surgery. It should be noted that the current supply of health care services and facilities is currently adequate but is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	● Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? ● Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	● Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? ● Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? ● Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 35 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	● Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? ● Support the use of public transport? ● Support safe walking and cycling? ● Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the village centre of Ipstones and a GP surgery as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (IP014A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 400m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is within 750m from Churnet Valley SSSI, the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have an effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has little potential to support protected species apart from foraging bats and badger. The wet ditch also supports species poor tall ruderal vegetation which forms a connection to the wider countryside, but the site is considered overall to have low ecological value. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (IP014A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m of one grade II* listed asset and thirty five grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be within 750m of Churnet Valley SSSI and could increase external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (IP014A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
		regeneration. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Ipstones has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Ipstones and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 1,000m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 35 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services and facilities and areas of existing employment is likely to have a positive effect. However, the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is assessed as having a negative effect, as is the site's proximity to designated and historic assets.			

Table 15.184

IP015

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (IP015)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (IP015)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is outside of the settlement boundary, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village and is within 800m of the village centre and the limited range of services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective residents of the site. It should be noted that Ipstones does not have a secondary school but that the current supply of educational services and facilities exceeds demand and is expected to do so for the foreseeable future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 800m of a GP surgery. It should be noted that the current supply of health care services and facilities is currently adequate but is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 22 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (IP015)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?		
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 800m of the village centre of Ipstones and a GP surgery as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 800m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (IP015)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is within 400m from Churnet Valley SSSI, the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have an effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has low potential to support protected species as the habitats are species poor and poorly connected to other more biodiverse habitats, therefore the site is deemed as having low ecological value. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 50m of two grade II listed assets and wihtin 400m of eight grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the of these historical heritage assets and their setting. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (IP015)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be within 400m of Churnet Valley SSSI and could increase external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural regeneration. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Ipstones has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Ipstones and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 500m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects:			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (IP015)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
The proposed delivery of circa 22 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as is the site's proximity to areas of existing employment. Similarly, the site's accessibility to health care and open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is in proximity to a designated asset, Churnet Valley SSSI which is likely to have a significant negative effect, as could the site's proximity to listed assets. The development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is assessed as having a negative effect.			

Table 15.185

Kingsley

Potentially suitables sites (5+ dwellings) - within the Development Boundary

KG024

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (KG024)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	SOCIAL		
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality?	The development of this site, a brownfield site that is within the settlement boundary, could help to improve the social and environmental quality of the village. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village, it is within 800m of the village centre but has insufficient services and facilities to meet the needs of the community. It should be noted that Kingsley does not have a secondary school but that the current supply of educational services and facilities exceeds demand and is expected to do so for the foreseeable future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. It should be noted that Kingsley does not have a GP surgery and,	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (KG024)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	accordingly, the current supply of health care services and facilities is falls short of demand and the situation is expected to worsen in the future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 12 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 800m of the village centre of Kingsley as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 800m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (KG024)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is within 750m from Churnet Valley SSSI, the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have an effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has mostly low biodiversity value overall with the main features of ecological interest contained within the potential for the buildings to support roosting bats, which attributes the site some ecological value. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on brownfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (KG024)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	The development of this brownfield site could enable the re-use of existing buildings. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development could incorporate sustainable materials. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 50m of one grade II listed assets and within 400m of four grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the of these historical heritage assets and their setting. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be within 750m of Churnet Valley SSSI and could increase external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural regeneration. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Ipstones has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Ipstones and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (KG024)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,500m from existing areas of employment within the village or District and, as such, would fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 12 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space and the partial brownfield nature of the site is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities and areas of existing employment, both of which is likely to have a significant negative effect. The site's proximity to designated and historic assets is likely to have a negative effect, as could the site's ecological value.			

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KG059

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (KG059)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is within the settlement boundary, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (KG059)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village, it is within 400m of the village centre but has insufficient services and facilities to meet the needs of the community. The site is in proximity of St. Werburghs C of E Primary School. It should be noted that Kingsley does not have a secondary school but that the current supply of educational services and facilities exceeds demand and is expected to do so for the foreseeable future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. It should be noted that Kingsley does not have a GP surgery and, accordingly, the current supply of health care services and facilities is falls short of demand and the situation is expected to worsen in the future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 6 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the village centre of Kingsley as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (KG059)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 400m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is within 1,000m from Churnet Valley SSSI and Froghall Meadow and Pastures SSSI, the nearest designated assets, and, as such, is considered to have an effect on this asset. This site has not been subject to an ecology survey, so the exact effects are uncertain. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 3 ALC land so	--/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (KG059)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	development of this site could result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 50m of one grade II listed assets and within 400m of eight grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the of these historical heritage assets and their setting. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be within 1,000m of Churnet Valley SSSI and Froghall Meadow and Pastures SSSI and could increase external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (KG059)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
		regeneration. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Ipstones has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Ipstones and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,500m from existing areas of employment within the village or District and, as such, would fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 6 dwellings is considered to have a positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities and areas of existing employment, both of which is likely to have a significant negative effect. Similarly, the site's proximity to historic assets and the development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land is likely to also have a significant negative effect. The site's proximity to designated assets is likely to have a negative effect.			

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Potentially suitable sites (5+ dwellings) - within the Green Belt

KG005

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (KG005)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is outside of the settlement boundary, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located outside of the village, it is within 800m of the village centre but has insufficient services and facilities to meet the needs of the community. It should be noted that Kingsley does not have a secondary school but that the current supply of educational services and facilities exceeds demand and is expected to do so for the foreseeable future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. It should be noted that Kingsley does not have a GP surgery and, accordingly, the current supply of health care services and facilities is falls short of demand and the situation is expected to worsen in the future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (KG005)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 7 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 800m of the village centre of Kingsley as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 800m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (KG005)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is within 1,250m from Churnet Valley SSSI, the nearest designated assets, and, as such, is not considered to have an effect on this asset. This site has not been subject to an ecology survey, so the exact effects are uncertain. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 3 ALC land so development of this site could result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic	The site is within 400m of one grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this	-/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (KG005)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	site could lead to the deterioration of the of these historical heritage assets and their setting. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be within 1,250m of Churnet Valley SSSI and may not increase external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural regeneration. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Ipstones has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Ipstones and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (KG005)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,500m from existing areas of employment within the village or District and, as such, would fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 7 dwellings is considered to have a positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities and areas of existing employment, both of which is likely to have a significant negative effect. Similarly, development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land is likely to also have a significant negative effect and the site's proximity to historic assets.			

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KG019

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (KG019)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is outside of the settlement boundary, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due	The site is located outside of the village, it is within 400m of the village centre but has insufficient services and facilities to meet the needs of	--

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (KG019)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? ● Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	the community. The site is in proximity of St. Werburghs C of E Primary School. It should be noted that Kingsley does not have a secondary school but that the current supply of educational services and facilities exceeds demand and is expected to do so for the foreseeable future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	● Help improve health or access to health facilities? ● Help promote healthy lifestyles? ● Help to reduce health inequalities? ● Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. It should be noted that Kingsley does not have a GP surgery and, accordingly, the current supply of health care services and facilities is falls short of demand and the situation is expected to worsen in the future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	● Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? ● Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	● Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? ● Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? ● Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 30 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	● Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? ● Support the use of public transport? ● Support safe walking and cycling? ● Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the village centre of Kingsley as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (KG019)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 400m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is within 750m from Churnet Valley SSSI and Froghall Meadow and Pastures SSSI, the nearest designated assets, and, as such, is considered to have an effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has fairly low biodiversity value overall, the major aspects of interest being the bat potential in the tree and building which accords the site overall some ecological value in terms of its loss to the wider countryside. This is supported by general potential for supporting breeding birds and foraging bats in the scattered trees, hedgerows and to a lesser extent the tall ruderal vegetation. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (KG019)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 3 ALC land so development of this site could result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m of eleven grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the of these historical heritage assets and their setting. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be within 750m of Churnet Valley SSSI and Froghall Meadow and Pastures SSSI and could increase external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (KG019)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural regeneration. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Ipstones has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Ipstones and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,500m from existing areas of employment within the village or District and, as such, would fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 30 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities and areas of existing employment, both of which is likely to have a significant negative effect. Similarly, development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land is likely to also have a significant negative effect. The site's proximity to designated and historic assets is likely to have a negative effect.			

Table 15.189

KG026A

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (KG026A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is outside of the settlement boundary, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located outside of the village, it is within 800m of the village centre but has insufficient services and facilities to meet the needs of the community. It should be noted that Kingsley does not have a secondary school but that the current supply of educational services and facilities exceeds demand and is expected to do so for the foreseeable future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. It should be noted that Kingsley does not have a GP surgery and, accordingly, the current supply of health care services and facilities is falls short of demand and the situation is expected to worsen in the future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (KG026A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 30 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 800m of the village centre of Kingsley as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 800m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (KG026A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?		
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is within 1,250m from Churnet Valley SSSI, the nearest designated assets, and, as such, is not considered to have an effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has mostly low biodiversity value overall in terms of area, is adjacent to farm buildings, dwellings and species poor grasslands with poor connectivity to the wider countryside. However, the site is attributed some ecological value due to the potentially species rich hedgerow and two trees with bat potential. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 3 ALC land so development of this site could result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural	The site is within 400m of one grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the of these historical heritage	-/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (KG026A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
archaeological assets along with their settings.	and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	assets and their setting. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be within 1,250m of Churnet Valley SSSI and may not increase external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural regeneration. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Ipstones has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Ipstones and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (KG026A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,500m from existing areas of employment within the village or District and, as such, would fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 30 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities and areas of existing employment, both of which is likely to have a significant negative effect. Similarly, development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land is likely to also have a significant negative effect. The site's proximity to designated and historic assets is likely to have a negative effect.			

Table 15.190

KG026B

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (KG026B)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is outside of the settlement boundary, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due	The site is located outside of the village, it is within 800m of the village centre but has insufficient services and facilities to meet the needs	--

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (KG026B)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	of the community. It should be noted that Kingsley does not have a secondary school but that the current supply of educational services and facilities exceeds demand and is expected to do so for the foreseeable future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. It should be noted that Kingsley does not have a GP surgery and, accordingly, the current supply of health care services and facilities is falls short of demand and the situation is expected to worsen in the future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 50 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 800m of the village centre of Kingsley as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (KG026B)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 800m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is within 1,250m from Churnet Valley SSSI, the nearest designated assets, and, as such, is not considered to have an effect on this asset. This site has not been subject to an ecology survey, so the exact effects are uncertain. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 3 ALC land so development of this site could result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (KG026B)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?		
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is more than 400m from a listed asset. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is limited scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the of these historical heritage assets and their setting. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be within 1,250m of Churnet Valley SSSI and may not increase external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural regeneration. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (KG026B)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Ipstones has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Ipstones and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,500m from existing areas of employment within the village or District and, as such, would fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 50 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities and areas of existing employment, both of which is likely to have a significant negative effect. Similarly, development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land is likely to also have a significant negative effect.			

Table 15.191

KG030A

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (KG030A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (KG030A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is outside of the settlement boundary, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located outside of the village, it is within 800m of the village centre but has insufficient services and facilities to meet the needs of the community. It should be noted that Kingsley does not have a secondary school but that the current supply of educational services and facilities exceeds demand and is expected to do so for the foreseeable future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. It should be noted that Kingsley does not have a GP surgery and, accordingly, the current supply of health care services and facilities is falls short of demand and the situation is expected to worsen in the future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 25 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (KG030A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?		
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 800m of the village centre of Kingsley as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 800m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (KG030A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? ● Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?		
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	● Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? ● Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? ● Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is within 1,250m from Churnet Valley SSSI, the nearest designated assets, and, as such, is not considered to have an effect on this asset. This site has not been subject to an ecology survey, so the exact effects are uncertain. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	● Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? ● Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? ● Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? ● Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? ● Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 3 ALC land so development of this site could result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	● Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? ● Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? ● Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	● Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? ● Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m of two grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the of these historical heritage assets and their setting. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (KG030A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be within 1,250m of Churnet Valley SSSI and may not increase external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural regeneration. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Ipstones has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Ipstones and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,500m from existing areas of employment within the village or District and, as such, would fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects:			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (KG030A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
The proposed delivery of circa 25 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities and areas of existing employment, both of which is likely to have a significant negative effect. Similarly, development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land is likely to also have a significant negative effect. The site's proximity to historic assets is likely to have a negative effect.			

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KG031

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (KG031)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	SOCIAL		
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is outside of the settlement boundary, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located outside of the village, it is within 800m of the village centre but has insufficient services and facilities to meet the needs of the community. It should be noted that Kingsley does not have a secondary school but that the current supply of educational services and facilities exceeds demand and is expected to do so for the foreseeable future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. It should be noted that Kingsley does not have a GP surgery and,	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (KG031)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	accordingly, the current supply of health care services and facilities is falls short of demand and the situation is expected to worsen in the future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 20 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 800m of the village centre of Kingsley as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 800m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (KG031)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is within 1,250m from Churnet Valley SSSI, the nearest designated assets, and, as such, is not considered to have an effect on this asset. This site has not been subject to an ecology survey, so the exact effects are uncertain. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 3 ALC land so development of this site could result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (KG031)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m of three grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the of these historical heritage assets and their setting. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be within 1,250m of Churnet Valley SSSI and may not increase external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural regeneration. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Ipstones has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Ipstones and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (KG031)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,500m from existing areas of employment within the village or District and, as such, would fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 20 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities and areas of existing employment, both of which is likely to have a significant negative effect. Similarly, development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land is likely to also have a significant negative effect. The site's proximity to historic assets is likely to have a negative effect.			

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KG042

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (KG042)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is outside of the settlement boundary, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (KG042)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?		
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located outside of the village, it is within 400m of the village centre but has insufficient services and facilities to meet the needs of the community. It should be noted that Kingsley does not have a secondary school but that the current supply of educational services and facilities exceeds demand and is expected to do so for the foreseeable future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. It should be noted that Kingsley does not have a GP surgery and, accordingly, the current supply of health care services and facilities is falls short of demand and the situation is expected to worsen in the future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 30 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the village centre of Kingsley as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (KG042)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 400m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites?	The site is within 750m from Froghall Meadow and Pastures SSSI, the nearest designated assets, and, as such, is considered to have an effect on this asset. This site has not been subject to an ecology survey, so the exact effects are uncertain. The HRA notes that no	-/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (KG042)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 3 ALC land so development of this site could result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m of nine grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the of these historical heritage assets and their setting. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness?	The site would be within 750m from Froghall Meadow and Pastures SSSI and coud increase external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (KG042)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural regeneration. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Ipstones has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Ipstones and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,500m from existing areas of employment within the village or District and, as such, would fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects:			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (KG042)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
The proposed delivery of circa 30 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities and areas of existing employment, both of which is likely to have a significant negative effect. Similarly, development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land is likely to also have a significant negative effect. The site's proximity to designated and historic assets is likely to have a negative effect.			

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KG049A

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (KG049A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is outside of the settlement boundary, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located outside of the village, it is within 400m of the village centre but has insufficient services and facilities to meet the needs of the community. It should be noted that Kingsley does not have a secondary school but that the current supply of educational services and facilities exceeds demand and is expected to do so for the foreseeable future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. It should be noted that Kingsley does not have a GP surgery and,	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (KG049A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	accordingly, the current supply of health care services and facilities is falls short of demand and the situation is expected to worsen in the future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 35 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the village centre of Kingsley as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 400m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (KG049A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is within 1,000m from Churnet Valley SSSI, the nearest designated assets, and, as such, is considered to have an effect on this asset. This site has not been subject to an ecology survey, so the exact effects are uncertain. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 3 ALC land so development of this site could result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (KG049A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m of seven grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the of these historical heritage assets and their setting. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be within 1,000m from Churnet Valley SSSI and coud increase external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural regeneration. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Ipstones has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Ipstones and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (KG049A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,500m from existing areas of employment within the village or District and, as such, would fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 35 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities and areas of existing employment, both of which is likely to have a significant negative effect. Similarly, development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land is likely to also have a significant negative effect. The site's proximity to designated and historic assets is likely to have a negative effect.			

Table 15.195

15.4.3 Larger villages: Upper Tean to Werrington & Cellarhead

Upper Tean

Potentially suitable sites (5+ dwellings) - within the Development Boundary

UT011/014

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (UT011/14)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	SOCIAL		
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure?	The development of this site, a mixed brownfield and greenfield site that is within the settlement boundary, could help to improve the social and environmental quality of the village centre. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village and is within 800m of the village centre and the limited range of services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective residents and employees of the site. It should be noted that Upper Tean does not have a secondary school but that the current supply of educational services and facilities currently exceeds demand and is expected to do so for the foreseeable future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents and employees with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 800m of a GP surgery. It should be noted that the current supply of health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and the situation is expected to worsen in the future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (UT011/14)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 20 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 800m of the village centre of Upper Tean and a GP surgery as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 800m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk?	Part of the site is located within a flood zone 3 area and, as such, it can be considered that the site would be subject to risk from flooding.	--

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (UT011/14)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g . by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this objective.	
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is within 2,500m from Cecilly Brook (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is not considered to have an effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has species poor habitats present on site, but good connectivity to the wider countryside and potential to support roosting bats, reptiles and terrestrial populations of amphibians, therefore the site is attributed some ecological value. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on mixed brownfield and greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	The development of this brownfield and greenfield site could enable the re-use of existing buildings. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development could incorporate sustainable materials. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (UT011/14)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m of two grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be within 2,500m of Cecilly Brook (LNR) and would not increase external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Needwood & South Derbyshire Claylands National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Upper Tean has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Upper Tean and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (UT011/14)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 1,000m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 20 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to health care and areas of existing employment is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is partially located within a flood zone which is likely to have a significant negative effect. The site's proximity to historic assets and ecological value is likely to have a negative effect.			

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UT019

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (UT019)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a brownfield site that is within the settlement boundary, could help to improve the social and environmental quality of the village centre. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due	The site is located on the edge of the village and is within 400m of the village centre and the limited range of services and facilities that can	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (UT019)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? ● Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	be found here that could serve prospective residents and employees of the site. It should be noted that Upper Tean does not have a secondary school but that the current supply of educational services and facilities currently exceeds demand and is expected to do so for the foreseeable future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	● Help improve health or access to health facilities? ● Help promote healthy lifestyles? ● Help to reduce health inequalities? ● Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents and employees with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 400m of a GP surgery. It should be noted that the current supply of health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and the situation is expected to worsen in the future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	● Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? ● Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	● Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? ● Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? ● Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 15 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	● Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? ● Support the use of public transport? ● Support safe walking and cycling? ● Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the village centre of Upper Tean and a GP surgery as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (UT019)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 400m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of a brownfield site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. The development could also be expected to lead to increased water demand within the District. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is within 3,000m from Cecilly Brook (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is not considered to have an effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site is set within an urban environment with little connectivity to the wider countryside which lowers the biodiversity value of the area considerably. The site has mostly low biodiversity value overall and is therefore deemed to have low ecological importance. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on brownfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 3 ALC land so	--/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (UT019)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	development of this site could result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	The development of this brownfield site could enable the re-use of existing buildings. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development could incorporate sustainable materials. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 50m of seven grade II listed assets and 400m of two grade II* listed assets and three grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of these historical heritage assets and their setting. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be within 3,000m of Cecilly Brook (LNR) and would not increase external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there would not be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Needwood & South Derbyshire Claylands National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (UT019)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Upper Tean has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Upper Tean and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. However, the site itself is an area of employment and the development of this site would result in the loss of employment. Overall, this has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the site itself is an area of employment and the development of this site would result in the loss of employment. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 500m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. However, the site itself is an area of employment and the development of this site would result in the loss of employment. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 15 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services and facilities is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is located in proximity to historic assets which is likely to have a significant negative effect, as could the development of grade 3 ALC land. The site's inaccessibility to areas of existing employment is likely to have a negative effect.			

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Potentially suitable sites (5+ dwellings) - within the Green Belt

UT012

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (UT012)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is outside the settlement boundary, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village and is within 800m of the village centre and the limited range of services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective residents and employees of the site. It should be noted that Upper Tean does not have a secondary school but that the current supply of educational services and facilities currently exceeds demand and is expected to do so for the foreseeable future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents and employees with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 400m of a GP surgery. It should be noted that the current supply of health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and the situation is expected to worsen in the future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (UT012)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 50 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 800m of the village centre of Upper Tean and a GP surgery as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 800m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (UT012)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	Part of the site is located within a flood zone 3 area and, as such, it can be considered that the site would be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this objective.	--
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is within 2,500m from Cecilly Brook (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is not considered to have an effect on this asset. This site has not been subject to an ecology survey, so the exact effects are uncertain. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic	The site is within 400m of two grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this	-/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (UT012)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	site could lead to the deterioration of these historical heritage assets and their setting. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be within 2,500m of Cecilly Brook (LNR) and would not increase external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there would be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Needwood & South Derbyshire Claylands National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Upper Tean has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Upper Tean and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels?	The site is within 1,000m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible	+

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	• Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 50 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to health care and areas of existing employment is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is partially located within a flood zone which is likely to have a significant negative effect. The development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is likely to have a negative effect as could the site's proximity to historic assets.			

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UT018

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (UT018)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is outside the settlement boundary, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage	The site is located on the edge of the village and is within 800m of the village centre and the limited range of services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective residents and employees of the site. It should be noted that Upper Tean does not have a	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (UT018)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	/ civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? ● Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	secondary school but that the current supply of educational services and facilities currently exceeds demand and is expected to do so for the foreseeable future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	● Help improve health or access to health facilities? ● Help promote healthy lifestyles? ● Help to reduce health inequalities? ● Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents and employees with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 400m of a GP surgery. It should be noted that the current supply of health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and the situation is expected to worsen in the future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	● Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? ● Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	● Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? ● Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? ● Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 25 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	● Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? ● Support the use of public transport? ● Support safe walking and cycling? ● Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 800m of the village centre of Upper Tean and a GP surgery as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 1,000m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (UT018)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 800m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of a brownfield site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. The development could also be expected to lead to increased water demand within the District. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is within 2,500m from Cecilly Brook (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is not considered to have an effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site itself has five trees with bat potential and a species rich hedgerow which is poorly connected to habitats within a rural landscape, and is deemed to have some ecological value. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 3 ALC land so development of this site could result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a	--/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (UT018)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is more than 550m from a listed asset. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is limited scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of these historical heritage assets and their setting. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be within 2,500m of Cecilly Brook (LNR) and would not increase external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Needwood & South Derbyshire Claylands National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (UT018)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Upper Tean has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Upper Tean and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 1,000m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 25 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to health care and areas of existing employment is likely to have a positive effect. However, the development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land is likely to have a significant negative effect. The ecological value of the site is likely to have a negative effect.			

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UT021

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (UT021)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (UT021)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is outside the settlement boundary, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village and is within 400m of the village centre and the limited range of services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective residents and employees of the site. The site is in proximity of Greatwood Primary School. It should be noted that Upper Tean does not have a secondary school but that the current supply of educational services and facilities currently exceeds demand and is expected to do so for the foreseeable future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents and employees with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 800m of a GP surgery. It should be noted that the current supply of health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and the situation is expected to worsen in the future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 20 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (UT021)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the village centre of Upper Tean and 800m from a GP surgery as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 400m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of a brownfield site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. The development could also be expected to lead to increased water demand within the District. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites?	The site is more than 3,250m from Cecilly Brook (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is not considered to have an effect on	-/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (UT021)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has low ecological value and is poorly connected to habitats within a rural landscape. However, the site has two trees with bat potential and a species rich hedgerow therefore is deemed to have some ecological value overall. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 3 ALC land so development of this site could result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m from two grade II* listed assets and nine grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of these historical heritage assets and their setting. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness?	The site would be within 3,250m of Cecilly Brook (LNR) and would not increase external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (UT021)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Needwood & South Derbyshire Claylands National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Upper Tean has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Upper Tean and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 500m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects:			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (UT021)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
The proposed delivery of circa 20 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as could the site's accessibility to areas of existing employment. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services and facilities is likely to have a positive effect. However, the development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land is likely to have a significant negative effect. The ecological value of the site and its proximity to historic assets is likely to have a negative effect.			

Table 15.200

UT022

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (UT022)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is outside the settlement boundary, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village and is within 400m of the village centre and the limited range of services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective residents and employees of the site. The site is in proximity of Greatwood Primary School. It should be noted that Upper Tean does not have a secondary school but that the current supply of educational services and facilities currently exceeds demand and is expected to do so for the foreseeable future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (UT022)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents and employees with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 400m of a GP surgery. It should be noted that the current supply of health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and the situation is expected to worsen in the future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 15 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the village centre of Upper Tean and a GP surgery as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 400m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (UT022)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	Part of the site is located within a flood zone 3 area and, as such, it can be considered that the site would be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this objective.	--
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is more than 3,250m from Cecilly Brook (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is not considered to have an effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site itself has a species poor hedgerow and habitats of low biodiversity which is poorly connected to other habitats within a rural landscape, therefore is considered to have low ecological value. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 3 ALC land so development of this site could result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (UT022)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m from two grade II* listed assets and ten grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of these historical heritage assets and their setting. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be within 3,250m of Cecilly Brook (LNR) and would not increase external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Needwood & South Derbyshire Claylands National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Upper Tean has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Upper Tean and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (UT022)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 500m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 15 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as could the site's accessibility to areas of existing employment. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services and facilities is likely to have a positive effect. However, the development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land is likely to have a significant negative effect, as could the site's partial location within a flood zone. The site's proximity to historic assets is likely to have a negative effect.			

Table 15.201

UT023

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (UT023)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (UT023)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is outside the settlement boundary, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village and is within 800m of the village centre and the limited range of services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective residents and employees of the site. It should be noted that Upper Tean does not have a secondary school but that the current supply of educational services and facilities currently exceeds demand and is expected to do so for the foreseeable future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents and employees with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 400m of a GP surgery. It should be noted that the current supply of health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and the situation is expected to worsen in the future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 50 dwellings and therefore also	++

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (UT023)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 800m of the village centre of Upper Tean and a GP surgery as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 800m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help	Part of the site is located within a flood zone 3 area and, as such, it can be considered that the site would be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this objective.	--

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (UT023)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? ● Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?		
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	● Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? ● Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? ● Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is more than 3,000m from Cecilly Brook (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is not considered to have an effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site itself has habitats mainly of low biodiversity which are poorly connected to habitats within a rural landscape. However, the presence of a species rich hedgerow and two trees with potential to support roosting bats is considered to give the site some ecological value. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	● Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? ● Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? ● Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? ● Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? ● Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 3 ALC land so development of this site could result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	● Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? ● Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? ● Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	● Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? ● Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns	The site is within 400m from one grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of these historical heritage assets and their setting. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (UT023)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?		
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be within 3,000m of Cecilly Brook (LNR) and would not increase external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Needwood & South Derbyshire Claylands National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Upper Tean has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Upper Tean and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (UT023)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 500m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 50 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as could the site's accessibility to areas of existing employment. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land is likely to have a significant negative effect, as could the site's partial location within a flood zone. The site's proximity to historic assets and ecological value is likely to have a negative effect.			

Table 15.202

UT024

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (UT024)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is outside the settlement boundary, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (UT024)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village and is within 400m of the village centre and the limited range of services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective residents and employees of the site. It should be noted that Upper Tean does not have a secondary school but that the current supply of educational services and facilities currently exceeds demand and is expected to do so for the foreseeable future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents and employees with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 400m of a GP surgery. It should be noted that the current supply of health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and the situation is expected to worsen in the future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 40 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the village centre of Upper Tean and a GP surgery as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (UT024)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 400m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of a brownfield site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. The development could also be expected to lead to increased water demand within the District. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is more than 3,000m from Cecilly Brook (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is not considered to have an effect on this asset. This site has not been subject to an ecology survey, so the exact effects are uncertain. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 3 ALC land so development of this site could result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a	--/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (UT024)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m from two grade II* listed assets and nine grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of these historical heritage assets and their setting. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be within 3,000m of Cecilly Brook (LNR) and would not increase external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Needwood & South Derbyshire Claylands National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (UT024)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Upper Tean has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Upper Tean and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 500m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 40 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as could the site's accessibility to areas of existing employment. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services and facilities is likely to have a positive effect. However, the development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land is likely to have a significant negative effect. The site's proximity to historic assets is likely to have a negative effect.			

Table 15.203

UT041

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (UT041)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is outside the settlement boundary, could be expected to have an effect on Green	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (UT041)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village and is within 800m of the village centre and the limited range of services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective residents and employees of the site. It should be noted that Upper Tean does not have a secondary school but that the current supply of educational services and facilities currently exceeds demand and is expected to do so for the foreseeable future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents and employees with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 800m of a GP surgery. It should be noted that the current supply of health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and the situation is expected to worsen in the future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 50 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (UT041)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 800m of the village centre of Upper Tean and a GP surgery as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 800m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of a brownfield site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. The development could also be expected to lead to increased water demand within the District. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites?	The site is more than 2,000m from Cecilly Brook (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is not considered to have an effect	+/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (UT041)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	on this asset. This site has not been subject to an ecology survey, so the exact effects are uncertain. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site could result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m from two grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of these historical heritage assets and their setting. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness?	The site would be within 2,000m of Cecilly Brook (LNR) and would not increase external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Needwood & South Derbyshire Claylands National	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (UT041)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Upper Tean has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Upper Tean and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 1,000m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 50 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of existing employment and open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is likely to have a negative effect, as could the site's proximity to historic assets.			

Table 15.204

Waterhouses

Potentially suitable sites (5+ dwellings) - within the Development Boundary

WA004

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WA004)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	SOCIAL		
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is within the settlement boundary, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village and is within 400m of the village centre and the limited range of services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective residents and employees of the site. It should be noted that Waterhouses does not have a secondary school but that the current supply of educational services and facilities currently exceeds demand and is expected to do so for the foreseeable future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles?	The location of this site should provide residents and employees with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 400m of a GP surgery. It	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WA004)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	should be noted that the current supply of health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and the situation is expected to worsen in the future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 36 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. It is acknowledged that the site is proposed as mixed use which may reduce the quantum of housing delivered by this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the village centre of Waterhouses and a GP surgery as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 400m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WA004)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of a brownfield site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. The development could also be expected to lead to increased water demand within the District. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is within 750m from Cauldon Railway Cutting SSSI, the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have an effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that un-mitigated ecological impacts of development may be significant. The site has little potential to support protected species apart from roosting/ foraging bats, badger and breeding birds, but is connected adjacent to other species rich grasslands. Semi-improved species rich grasslands are uncommon and should be preserved, therefore the site is attributed ecological value. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site could result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WA004)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m from four grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of these historical heritage assets and their setting. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be within 750m of Cauldon Railway Cutting SSSI and could increase external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the White Peak National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed mixed use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a employment site with good access to the village centre of Waterhouses has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Waterhouses and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. However, the site itself is an area of employment and the development of this site could	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WA004)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
		result in decreased employment. Overall, this has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the site itself is an area of employment and the development of this site could result in decreased employment. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 500m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. However, the site itself is an area of employment and the development of this site could result in decreased employment. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 36 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services and facilities is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site's proximity to a designated asset is likely to have a negative effect. The development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is likely to also have a negative effect, as could the site's proximity to historic assets and the inaccessibility of areas of existing employment.			

Table 15.205

Potentially suitable sites (5+ dwellings) - outside the Development Boundary

WA005

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WA005)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WA005)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is outside of the settlement boundary, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village and is within 400m of the village centre and the limited range of services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective residents and employees of the site. It should be noted that Waterhouses does not have a secondary school but that the current supply of educational services and facilities currently exceeds demand and is expected to do so for the foreseeable future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents and employees with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 400m of a GP surgery. It should be noted that the current supply of health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and the situation is expected to worsen in the future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 40 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WA005)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?		
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the village centre of Waterhouses and a GP surgery as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 400m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of a brownfield site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. The development could also be expected to lead to increased water demand within the District. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WA005)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is within 750m from Cauldon Railway Cutting SSSI, the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have an effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has little potential to support protected species apart from foraging bats and badger and is fairly poorly connected to the wider countryside. However, the site is afforded ecological value due to the relative rarity of semi-improved species rich grasslands. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site could result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m from three grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of these historical heritage assets and their setting. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WA005)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be within 750m of Cauldon Railway Cutting SSSI and could increase external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the White Peak National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Waterhouses has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Waterhouses and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 500m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects:			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WA005)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
The proposed delivery of circa 40 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as is the site accessibility to areas of existing employment. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services and facilities is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site's proximity to a designated asset is likely to have a negative effect. The development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is likely to also have a negative effect, as could the site's proximity to historic assets.			

Table 15.206

WA006

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WA006)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is outside of the settlement boundary, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village and is within 400m of the village centre and the limited range of services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective residents and employees of the site. It should be noted that Waterhouses does not have a secondary school but that the current supply of educational services and facilities currently exceeds demand and is expected to do so for the foreseeable future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WA006)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents and employees with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 400m of a GP surgery. It should be noted that the current supply of health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and the situation is expected to worsen in the future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 30 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the village centre of Waterhouses and a GP surgery as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 400m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WA006)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of a brownfield site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. The development could also be expected to lead to increased water demand within the District. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is within 750m from Cauldon Railway Cutting SSSI, the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have an effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has little potential to support protected species apart from potentially roosting/foraging bats and badger, and is fairly poorly connected to the wider countryside. Nevertheless the site is afforded ecological value due to the bat roosting potential of these two trees. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site could result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WA006)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m from three grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of these historical heritage assets and their setting. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be within 750m of Cauldon Railway Cutting SSSI and could increase external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the White Peak National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Waterhouses has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Waterhouses and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WA006)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 500m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 30 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as is the site accessibility to areas of existing employment. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services and facilities is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site's proximity to a designated asset is likely to have a negative effect. The development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is likely to also have a negative effect, as could the site's proximity to historic assets.			

Table 15.207

Wetley Rocks

Potentially suitable sites (5+ dwellings) - within the development Boundary

WR002

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WR002)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WR002)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is outside of the settlement boundary, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village, it is within 400m of the village centre but has insufficient services and facilities to meet the needs of the community. It should be noted that Wetley Rocks does not have a secondary school. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. It should be noted that Wetley Rocks does not have a GP surgery. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 29 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this	++

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WR002)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the village centre of Wetley Rocks as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 400m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of a brownfield site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. The development could also be expected to lead to increased water demand within the District. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WR002)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is more than 1,750m from Churnet Valley SSSI, the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is not considered to have an effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site is directly adjacent to a housing estate and species poor grasslands, and has poor connectivity to the wider countryside which reduces the value of the site as a whole in terms of biodiversity. The site also has mostly low biodiversity value overall in terms of area and therefore is deemed as having low ecological value in terms of its loss within the wider countryside. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site could result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 50m from one grade II listed asset and 400m from three grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of these historical heritage assets and their setting. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WR002)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be within 1,750m of Churnet Valley SSSI and would not increase external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be limited effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Wetley Rocks has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Wetley Rocks and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,500m to existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects:			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WR002)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
The proposed delivery of circa 29 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space and low ecological importance of the site is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities and areas of existing employment, both of which is likely to have a significant negative effect, as could the site's proximity to designated and historic assets. The development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is likely to have a negative effect.			

Table 15.208

WR015

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WR015)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is outside of the settlement boundary, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village, it is within 400m of the village centre but has insufficient services and facilities to meet the needs of the community. It should be noted that Wetley Rocks does not have a secondary school. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WR015)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	It should be noted that Wetley Rocks does not have a GP surgery. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 20 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the village centre of Wetley Rocks as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 400m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WR015)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of a brownfield site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. The development could also be expected to lead to increased water demand within the District. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is within 2,000m from Churnet Valley SSSI, the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is not considered to have an effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has mostly low biodiversity value overall in terms of area, is directly adjacent to a housing estate and species poor grasslands, and has poor connectivity to the wider countryside. Therefore the site is deemed as having low ecological value in terms of its loss within the wider countryside. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site could result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WR015)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m from three grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of these historical heritage assets and their setting. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be within 2,000m of Churnet Valley SSSI and would not increase external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be limited effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Wetley Rocks has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Wetley Rocks and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WR015)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,500m to existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 20 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space and low ecological value of the site is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities and areas of existing employment, both of which is likely to have a significant negative effect. The development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is likely to have a negative effect, as could the site's proximity to historic assets.			

Table 15.209

Potentially suitable sites (5+ dwellings) - within the Green Belt

WR005

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WR005)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is outside of the settlement boundary, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WR005)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?		
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village, it is within 400m of the village centre but has insufficient services and facilities to meet the needs of the community. It should be noted that Wetley Rocks does not have a secondary school. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. It should be noted that Wetley Rocks does not have a GP surgery. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 13 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the village centre of Wetley Rocks as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly,	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WR005)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 400m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of a brownfield site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. The development could also be expected to lead to increased water demand within the District. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites?	The site is within 1,500m from Churnet Valley SSSI, the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is not considered to have an effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site is directly adjacent to a small housing estate, species poor grasslands, and has	-/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WR005)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	poor connectivity to the wider countryside which reduces the value of the site as a whole in terms of biodiversity. The site also has mostly low biodiversity value overall in terms of area but is considered to have some ecological value in terms of its loss within the wider countryside due to the presence of the two trees with bat roosting potential. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site could result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m from two grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of these historical heritage assets and their setting. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WR005)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be within 1,500m of Churnet Valley SSSI and would not increase external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be limited effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Wetley Rocks has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Wetley Rocks and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,500m to existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects:			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WR005)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
The proposed delivery of circa 13 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities and areas of existing employment, both of which is likely to have a significant negative effect. The development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is likely to have a negative effect, as could the site's proximity to historic assets and ecological value.			

Table 15.210

WR014A

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WR014A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is outside of the settlement boundary, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village, it is within 400m of the village centre but has insufficient services and facilities to meet the needs of the community. It should be noted that Wetley Rocks does not have a secondary school. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. It should be noted that Wetley Rocks does not have a GP surgery.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WR014A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 12 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the village centre of Wetley Rocks as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 400m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WR014A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of a brownfield site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. The development could also be expected to lead to increased water demand within the District. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is within 1,750m from Churnet Valley SSSI, the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is not considered to have an effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has fairly low potential to support protected species, and the site is fairly poorly connected to the wider countryside. However the two trees highlighted for bat roosting potential affords the site some ecological value. HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site could result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WR014A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m from three grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of these historical heritage assets and their setting. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be within 1,750m of Churnet Valley SSSI and would not increase external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be limited effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Wetley Rocks has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Wetley Rocks and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WR014A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,500m to existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 12 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to areas of existing employment and services and facilities which is likely to have a significant negative effect. The development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is likely to have a negative effect, as could the site's proximity to historic assets and ecological value.			

Table 15.211

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Potentially suitable sites (5+ dwellings) - within the Development Boundary

WE018

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WE018)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WE018)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a mixed brownfield and greenfield site that is set inside of the settlement boundary, could help to improve the social and environmental quality of the village centre. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located in the centre of the village and is within 400m of the village centre and the range of services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective residents of the site. It should be noted that the current supply of educational services and facilities currently exceeds demand and is expected to do so for the foreseeable future. This site includes Werrington Primary School and development would lead to the closure of this school. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 400m of a GP surgery. It should be noted that the current supply of health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and the situation is likely to worsen in the future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WE018)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 24 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the village centre of Werrington and Cellarhead and a GP surgery as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 400m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of a mixed brownfield and greenfield site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. The development could also be expected to lead to increased water demand within the District. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WE018)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? ● Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?		
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	● Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? ● Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? ● Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is within 400m from Wetley Moor SSSI, the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have an effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has mostly low biodiversity value overall, is set within an urban environment with little connectivity to the wider countryside which lowers the biodiversity of the area considerably. However the site has been attributed ecological value in terms of its loss within the wider countryside as the building and tree could support roosting bats. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	● Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? ● Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? ● Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? ● Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? ● Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on mixed brownfield and greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	● Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? ● Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? ● Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	The development of this brownfield and greenfield site could enable the re-use of existing buildings. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development could incorporate sustainable materials. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and	● Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural	The site is within 400m of one grade II listed asset. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical	-/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WE018)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
archaeological assets along with their settings.	and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? ● Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	● Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? ● Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? ● Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be within 400m from Wetley Moor SSSI and would increase external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there would be limited effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	● Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? ● Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	● Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? ● Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Werrington and Cellarhead has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Werrington and Cellarhead and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	● Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? ● Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WE018)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,500m from existing areas of employment within the village or District and, as such, would fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 24 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as is the accessibility of services and facilities. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to areas of existing employment which would have a significant negative effect, as would the site's proximity to designated assets. Similarly, the site's proximity to historic assets is assessed as having a negative effect.			

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Potentially suitable sites (5+ dwellings) - within the Green Belt

WE003

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WE003)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is set outside of the settlement boundary, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WE003)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located in the centre of the village and is within 400m of the village centre and the range of services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective residents of the site. The site is in proximity of Werrington Primary School. It should be noted that the current supply of educational services and facilities currently exceeds demand and is expected to do so for the foreseeable future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 400m of a GP surgery. It should be noted that the current supply of health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and the situation is likely to worsen in the future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 85 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the village centre of Werrington and Cellarhead and a GP surgery as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WE003)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 400m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. The development could also be expected to lead to increased water demand within the District. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is within 600m from Wetley Moor SSSI, the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have an effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has mostly low biodiversity value overall in terms of area, is directly adjacent to a housing estate and species poor grasslands. The site has some connectivity to more biodiverse adjacent habitats such as scattered trees, tall ruderal vegetation and hedgerows to the south and scattered scrub to the south east. The site is attributed some ecological value in terms of its loss within the wider countryside due to the presence of species rich hedgerows and trees with bat roosting potential. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall,	--/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WE003)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
		this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m of one grade II listed asset. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be within 600m from Wetley Moor SSSI and would increase external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there would be limited effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WE003)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Werrington and Cellarhead has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Werrington and Cellarhead and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,500m from existing areas of employment within the village or District and, as such, would fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 85 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as is the accessibility of services and facilities. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to areas of existing employment which would have a significant negative effect, as would the site's proximity to designated assets. Similarly, the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land and the site's proximity to historic assets is assessed as having a negative effect.			

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WE013

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WE013)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is set outside of the settlement boundary, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located in the centre of the village and is within 400m of the village centre and the range of services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective residents of the site. It should be noted that the current supply of educational services and facilities currently exceeds demand and is expected to do so for the foreseeable future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 400m of a GP surgery. It should be noted that the current supply of health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and the situation is likely to worsen in the future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WE013)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 10 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the village centre of Werrington and Cellarhead and a GP surgery as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 400m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. The development could also be expected to lead to increased water demand within the District. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WE013)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? ● Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?		
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	● Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? ● Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? ● Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is within 800m from Wetley Moor SSSI, the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have an effect on this asset. This site has not been subject to an ecology survey, so the exact effects are uncertain. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	● Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? ● Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? ● Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? ● Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? ● Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	● Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? ● Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? ● Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	● Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? ● Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m of two grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WE013)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be within 800m from Wetley Moor SSSI and would increase external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there would be limited effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Werrington and Cellarhead has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Werrington and Cellarhead and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,500m from existing areas of employment within the village or District and, as such, would fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects:			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WE013)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
The proposed delivery of circa 10 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as is the accessibility of services and facilities. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to areas of existing employment which would have a significant negative effect, as would the site's proximity to designated assets. Similarly, the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land and the site's proximity to historic assets is assessed as having a negative effect.			

Table 15.214

WE019

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WE019)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	SOCIAL		
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is set outside of the settlement boundary, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located in the centre of the village and is within 800m of the village centre and the range of services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective residents of the site. It should be noted that the current supply of educational services and facilities currently exceeds demand and is expected to do so for the foreseeable future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 800m of a GP surgery. It should be noted	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WE019)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	that the current supply of health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and the situation is likely to worsen in the future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 50 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 800m of the village centre of Werrington and Cellarhead and a GP surgery as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 800m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WE019)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. The development could also be expected to lead to increased water demand within the District. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is within 100m from Wetley Moor SSSI, the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have an effect on this asset. The Ecological study (2015) notes that the site itself has seven trees with bat potential, species rich hedgerow and a large area of tall ruderal vegetation connected to a series of other hedgerows and habitats. These features culminate in the assessment that the site is attributed ecological value in terms of its loss within the wider countryside. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WE019)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m of one grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be within 100m from Wetley Moor SSSI and would increase external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there would be limited effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Werrington and Cellarhead has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Werrington and Cellarhead and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WE019)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,500m from existing areas of employment within the village or District and, as such, would fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 50 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services and facilities and areas of open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to areas of existing employment which would have a significant negative effect, as would the site's proximity to designated assets. Similarly, the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land and the site's proximity to historic assets is assessed as having a negative effect.			

Table 15.215

WE027

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WE027)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is set outside of the settlement boundary, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WE027)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?		
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located in the centre of the village and is within 400m of the village centre and the range of services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective residents of the site. It should be noted that the current supply of educational services and facilities currently exceeds demand and is expected to do so for the foreseeable future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 400m of a GP surgery. It should be noted that the current supply of health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and the situation is likely to worsen in the future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 20 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the village centre of Werrington and Cellarhead and a GP surgery as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WE027)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 400m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. The development could also be expected to lead to increased water demand within the District. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is within 800m from Wetley Moor SSSI, the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have an effect on this asset. This site has not been subject to an ecology survey, so the exact effects are uncertain. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WE027)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m of two grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be within 800m from Wetley Moor SSSI and would increase external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there would be limited effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WE027)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Werrington and Cellarhead has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Werrington and Cellarhead and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,500m from existing areas of employment within the village or District and, as such, would fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 20 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as could the site's accessibility to services and facilities. Similarly, the site's to areas of open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site's accessibility to areas of existing employment which would have a significant negative effect, as would the site's proximity to designated assets. Similarly, the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land and the site's proximity to historic assets is assessed as having a negative effect.			

Table 15.216

WE033

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WE033)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is set outside of the settlement boundary, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located in the edge of the village boundary and is more than 2,000m from the village centre and the range of services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective residents of the site. It should be noted that the current supply of educational services and facilities currently exceeds demand and is expected to do so for the foreseeable future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. However, the site is more than 2,000m from a GP surgery. It should be noted that the current supply of health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and the situation is likely to worsen in the future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WE033)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 60 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is more than 2,000m from the village centre of Werrington and Cellarhead and a GP surgery, but is adjacent to an area of open space. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. Similarly, the site is more than 2,000m from the village centre and could increase the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. It should be noted that the site is within 350m from a candidate AQMA.Overall, this site has been assessed as having an negative effect on this Objective.	-
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WE033)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. The development could also be expected to lead to increased water demand within the District. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is more than 1,750m from Wetley Moor SSSI, the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is not considered to have an effect on this asset. The Ecological study (2015) notes that the site has mostly low biodiversity value overall in terms of area and is directly adjacent to a small housing estate and species poor grasslands. The site does have some good connectivity to a pond which increases chance of the site support terrestrial populations of amphibians and reptiles. The site is therefore deemed as having some ecological value in terms of its potential loss within the wider countryside. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WE033)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m of three grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be more than 1,750m from Wetley Moor SSSI and would not increase external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there would be limited effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Werrington and Cellarhead and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WE033)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,500m from existing areas of employment within the village or District and, as such, would fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 60 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to areas of existing employment which would have a significant negative effect. Similarly, the site's inaccessibility to services and facilities and areas of open space is likely to have a negative effect. Also, the site's ecological value is likely to have a negative effect, as could the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land and the site's proximity to historic assets is assessed as having a negative effect.			

Table 15.217

WE040

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WE040)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	SOCIAL		
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is set outside of the settlement boundary, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender	The site is located in the centre of the village and is within 800m of the village centre and the range of services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective residents of the site. It should be	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WE040)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	noted that the current supply of educational services and facilities currently exceeds demand and is expected to do so for the foreseeable future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 800m of a GP surgery. It should be noted that the current supply of health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and the situation is likely to worsen in the future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 7 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 800m of the village centre of Werrington and Cellarhead and a GP surgery as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 1,000m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WE040)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 800m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. The development could also be expected to lead to increased water demand within the District. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is within 200m of Wetley Moor SSSI, the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have an effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site itself has mostly low biodiversity value overall with fairly good connectivity to Wetley Moor SSSI and is deemed as having some ecological value in terms of its loss within the wider countryside due to its proximity to the SSSI. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WE040)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 50m of one grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be within 200m from Wetley Moor SSSI and would increase external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there would be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WE040)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Werrington and Cellarhead has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Werrington and Cellarhead and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,500m from existing areas of employment within the village or District and, as such, would fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 7 dwellings is considered to have a positive effect, as is the accessibility to services and facilities and areas of open space. However, the site is inaccessible to areas of existing employment which would have a significant negative effect, as would the site's proximity to designated and historic assets. Similarly, the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is likely to have a negative effect.			

Table 15.218

WE041

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WE041)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WE041)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is set outside of the settlement boundary, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located in the centre of the village and is within 800m of the village centre and the range of services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective residents of the site. It should be noted that the current supply of educational services and facilities currently exceeds demand and is expected to do so for the foreseeable future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 800m of a GP surgery. It should be noted that the current supply of health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and the situation is likely to worsen in the future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 22 dwellings and therefore also	++

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WE041)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 800m of the village centre of Werrington and Cellarhead and a GP surgery as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 1,000m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 800m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. The development could also be expected to lead to increased water demand within the District. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WE041)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? ● Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?		
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	● Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? ● Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? ● Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is within 100m of Wetley Moor SSSI, the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have an effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site itself has mostly low biodiversity value overall with fairly good connectivity to Wetley Moor SSSI and is deemed as having some ecological value in terms of its loss within the wider countryside due to its proximity to the SSSI. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	● Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? ● Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? ● Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? ● Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? ● Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	● Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? ● Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? ● Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	● Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? ● Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns	The site is within 50m of one grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WE041)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?		
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be within 100m from Wetley Moor SSSI and would increase external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there would be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Werrington and Cellarhead has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Werrington and Cellarhead and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,500m from existing areas of employment within the village or District and, as such, would fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WE041)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 22 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services and facilities and areas of open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to areas of existing employment which would have a significant negative effect, as would the site's proximity to designated and historic assets. Similarly, the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is likely to have a negative effect.			

Table 15.219

WE052

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WE052)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	SOCIAL		
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is set outside of the settlement boundary, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located in the centre of the village and is within 400m of the village centre and the range of services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective residents of the site. It should be noted that the current supply of educational services and facilities currently exceeds demand and is expected to do so for the foreseeable future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WE052)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 800m of a GP surgery. It should be noted that the current supply of health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and the situation is likely to worsen in the future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 25 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the village centre of Werrington and Cellarhead and 800m from a GP surgery as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 400m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WE052)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. The development could also be expected to lead to increased water demand within the District. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is within 600m of Wetley Moor SSSI, the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have an effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site is directly adjacent to a housing estate and species poor grasslands, and has poor connectivity to more biodiverse habitats. However, the site is deemed as having some ecological value in terms of its loss within the wider countryside due to having five trees that have potential to support roosting bats. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WE052)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m of one grade II listed asset. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be within 600m from Wetley Moor SSSI and would increase external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there would be limited effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Werrington and Cellarhead has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Werrington and Cellarhead and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WE052)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,500m from existing areas of employment within the village or District and, as such, would fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 25 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as is the site's accessibility to services and facilities. Similarly, the site's accessibility to open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to areas of existing employment which would have a significant negative effect. The site's proximity to designated and historic assets is likely to have a negative effect, as could the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land.			

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WE053

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WE053)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is set outside of the settlement boundary, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WE053)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?		
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located in the centre of the village and is within 800m of the village centre and the range of services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective residents of the site. It should be noted that the current supply of educational services and facilities currently exceeds demand and is expected to do so for the foreseeable future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 800m of a GP surgery. It should be noted that the current supply of health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and the situation is likely to worsen in the future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 15 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport?	As noted previously, the site is within 800m of the village centre of Werrington and Cellarhead and a GP surgery as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall,	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WE053)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 800m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. The development could also be expected to lead to increased water demand within the District. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is within 700m of Wetley Moor SSSI, the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have an effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has mostly low biodiversity value overall in terms of area, is directly adjacent to a small housing estate and species poor grasslands, and has poor connectivity to more biodiverse habitats. The site is therefore deemed as having low ecological value in terms of its loss within the wider countryside. The	-/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WE053)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
		HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 50m of one grade II listed asset. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be within 700m from Wetley Moor SSSI and would increase external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there would be limited effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WE053)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Werrington and Cellarhead has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Werrington and Cellarhead and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,500m from existing areas of employment within the village or District and, as such, would fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 15 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services and facilities and areas of open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to areas of existing employment which would have a significant negative effect, as would the site's proximity to historic assets. The site's proximity to designated assets is likely to have a negative effect, as could the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land.			

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WE069

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WE069)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	SOCIAL		
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is set outside of the settlement boundary, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located in the centre of the village and is within 800m of the village centre and the range of services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective residents of the site. It should be noted that the current supply of educational services and facilities currently exceeds demand and is expected to do so for the foreseeable future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 800m of a GP surgery. It should be noted that the current supply of health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and the situation is likely to worsen in the future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WE069)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
		to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 6 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 800m of the village centre of Werrington and Cellarhead and a GP surgery as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 800m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. The development could also be expected to lead to	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WE069)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	increased water demand within the District. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is within 800m of Wetley Moor SSSI, the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have an effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has low biodiversity value overall in terms of area and is directly adjacent to a small housing estate and species poor grasslands, it also has poor connectivity to more biodiverse habitats and therefore is considered to have low ecological value. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural	The site is within 50m of one grade II listed asset. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical	--/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WE069)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
archaeological assets along with their settings.	and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be within 800m from Wetley Moor SSSI and would increase external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there would be limited effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Werrington and Cellarhead has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Werrington and Cellarhead and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WE069)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,500m from existing areas of employment within the village or District and, as such, would fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 6 dwellings is considered to have a positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services and facilities and areas of open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to areas of existing employment which would have a significant negative effect, as would the site's proximity to historic assets. The site's proximity to designated assets is likely to have a negative effect, as could the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land.			

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WE070

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WE070)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	SOCIAL		
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is set outside of the settlement boundary, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender	The site is located in the centre of the village and is within 800m of the village centre and the range of services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective residents of the site. It should be	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WE070)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? ● Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	noted that the current supply of educational services and facilities currently exceeds demand and is expected to do so for the foreseeable future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	● Help improve health or access to health facilities? ● Help promote healthy lifestyles? ● Help to reduce health inequalities? ● Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 800m of a GP surgery. It should be noted that the current supply of health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and the situation is likely to worsen in the future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	● Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? ● Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	● Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? ● Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? ● Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 12 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	● Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? ● Support the use of public transport? ● Support safe walking and cycling? ● Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 800m of the village centre of Werrington and Cellarhead and a GP surgery as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WE070)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 800m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. The development could also be expected to lead to increased water demand within the District. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is within 900m of Wetley Moor SSSI, the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have an effect on this asset. This site has not been subject to an ecology survey, so the exact effects are uncertain. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WE070)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m of two grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be within 900m from Wetley Moor SSSI and would increase external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there would be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WE070)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Werrington and Cellarhead has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Werrington and Cellarhead and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,500m from existing areas of employment within the village or District and, as such, would fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 12 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services and facilities and areas of open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to areas of existing employment which would have a significant negative effect. The site's proximity to designated and historic assets is likely to have a negative effect, as could the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land.			

Table 15.223

Other Uses

WE001

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WE001)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WE001)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is set outside of the settlement boundary, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located in the edge of the village boundary and is more than 2,000m from the village centre and the range of services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective employees of the site. It should be noted that the current supply of educational services and facilities currently exceeds demand and is expected to do so for the foreseeable future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide employees with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. However, the site is more than 2,000m from a GP surgery. It should be noted that the current supply of health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and the situation is likely to worsen in the future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met?	This site has been proposed for employment uses with regards to this assessment. Therefore the development would provide no housing. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WE001)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?		
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is more than 2,000m from the village centre of Werrington and Cellarhead and a GP surgery, but is adjacent to an area of open space. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. Similarly, the site is more than 2,000m from the village centre and could increase the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. It should be noted that the site is within 100m from a candidate AQMA. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an negative effect on this Objective.	-
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. The development could also be expected to lead to increased water demand within the District. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WE001)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is more than 1,900m from Churnet Valley SSSI, the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is not considered to have an effect on this asset. The Ecological study (2015) notes that the site has fairly species poor habitats present on site, and has been attributed low ecological value. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m of three grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness?	The site would be more than 1,900m from Churnet Valley SSSI and would not increase external pressures on these sites. Given the	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WE001)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	location of the site, it is considered that there would be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed employment use of this site provides scope for the development of this site to have a positive effect on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district, however this is dependent on proposal specific information. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of an employment site within the village centre has the scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Werrington and Cellarhead and the wider District, as new employment could be expected to increase footfall in the nearby village centre. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this objective.	++
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site and the proposed employment use of the site could be considered to have a positive effect on businesses and the residents of Werrington and Cellarhead as it could strengthen and diversify the economy. Overall, this has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,500m from existing local employment provision but the site would generate new employment provision. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this objective.	++
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects:			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WE001)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
The development of new employment premises should have a significant positive effect on the vitality and viability of the District, strengthen economic growth and support a higher level of employment within the District. Similarly, the site's low ecological value is likely to have a positive effect. However, the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is assessed as having a negative effect, as is the proximity to historic assets and distance away from services and facilities and areas of open space.			

Table 15.224

WE002

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WE002)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is remote from the settlement boundary, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located in the edge of the village boundary and is more than 2,000m from the village centre and the range of services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective employees of the site. It should be noted that the current supply of educational services and facilities currently exceeds demand and is expected to do so for the foreseeable future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WE002)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide employees with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. However, the site is more than 2,000m from a GP surgery. It should be noted that the current supply of health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and the situation is likely to worsen in the future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	This site has been proposed for employment uses with regards to this assessment. Therefore the development would provide no housing. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is more than 2,000m from the village centre of Werrington and Cellarhead and a GP surgery, but is adjacent to an area of open space. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. Similarly, the site is more than 2,000m from the village centre and could increase the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WE002)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. It should be noted that the site is within 150m from a candidate AQMA. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an negative effect on this Objective.	-
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. The development could also be expected to lead to increased water demand within the District. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is more than 2,000m from Churnet Valley SSSI and Wetley Moor SSSI, the nearest designated assets, and, as such, is not considered to have an effect on this asset. The Ecological study (2015) notes that the site has species poor habitats present on site and low potential to support protected species, therefore is attributed low ecological value. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WE002)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m of three grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be more than 2,000m from Churnet Valley SSSI and Wetley Rocks SSSI and would not increase external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there would be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed employment use of this site provides scope for the development of this site to have a positive effect on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district, however this is dependent on proposal specific information. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of an employment site within the village centre has the scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Werrington and Cellarhead and the wider District, as new employment could be expected to increase footfall in the nearby village centre. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this objective.	++

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WE002)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site and the proposed employment use of the site could be considered to have a positive effect on businesses and the residents of Werrington and Cellarhead as it could strengthen and diversify the economy. Overall, this has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,500m from existing local employment provision but the site would generate new employment provision. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this objective.	++
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The development of new employment premises should have a significant positive effect on the vitality and viability of the District, strengthen economic growth and support a higher level of employment within the District. Similarly, the site's low ecological value is likely to have a positive effect. However, the remote nature of the site is likely to have a significant negative effect. The development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is assessed as having a negative effect, as is the proximity to historic assets and distance away from services and facilities and areas of open space.			

Table 15.225

WE003

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WE003)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WE003)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is remote from the settlement boundary, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village boundary and is more than 2,000m from the village centre and the range of services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective employees of the site. It should be noted that the current supply of educational services and facilities currently exceeds demand and is expected to do so for the foreseeable future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide employees with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. However, the site is more than 2,000m from a GP surgery. It should be noted that the current supply of health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and the situation is likely to worsen in the future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met?	This site has been proposed for employment uses with regards to this assessment. Therefore the development would provide no housing.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WE003)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is more than 2,000m from the village centre of Werrington and Cellarhead and a GP surgery, but is adjacent to an area of open space. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. Similarly, the site is more than 2,000m from the village centre and could increase the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. The development could also be expected to lead to increased water demand within the District. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WE003)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? ● Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?		
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	● Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? ● Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? ● Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is more than 2,000m from Wetley Rocks SSSI and Churnet Valley SSSI, the nearest designated assets, and, as such, is not considered to have an effect on this asset. The Ecological study (2015) notes that the site has species poor habitats present on site, but is attributed some ecological value due to the potential of two trees to support roosting bats. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	● Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? ● Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? ● Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? ● Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? ● Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	● Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? ● Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? ● Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	● Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? ● Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns	The site is within 400m of one grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WE003)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?		
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be more than 2,000m from Wetley Rocks SSSI and Churnet Valley SSSI and would not increase external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there would be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed employment use of this site provides scope for the development of this site to have a positive effect on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district, however this is dependent on proposal specific information. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of an employment site within the village centre has the scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Werrington and Cellarhead and the wider District, as new employment could be expected to increase footfall in the nearby village centre. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this objective.	++
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site and the proposed employment use of the site could be considered to have a positive effect on businesses and the residents of Werrington and Cellarhead as it could strengthen and diversify the economy. Overall, this has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,500m from existing local employment provision but the site would generate new employment provision. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this objective.	++

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WE003)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The development of new employment premises should have a significant positive effect on the vitality and viability of the District, strengthen economic growth and support a higher level of employment within the District. However, the remote nature of the site is likely to have a significant negative effect. The development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is assessed as having a negative effect, as is the proximity to historic assets, ecological value and distance away from services and facilities and areas of open space.			

Table 15.226

15.5 Smaller villages: Bagnall to Checkley

Bagnall

Potentially suitable sites (5+ dwellings) - within the Green Belt

BG008

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BG008)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is outside of the settlement boundary could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village, it is within 400m of the village centre but has insufficient services and facilities to meet the needs of the community. It should be noted that Bagnall does not have a primary or secondary school. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. It should be noted that Bagnall does not have a GP surgery. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BG008)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?		
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 10 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the village centre of Bagnall as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 400m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BG008)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. The development could also be expected to lead to increased water demand within the District. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is more than 1,500m from Bagnall Road Wood (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is not considered to have an effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site itself has four trees with bat potential and a species rich hedgerow and is attributed some ecological value, although it is fairly poorly connected to other biodiverse habitats within the locality. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BG008)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m from ten grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of these historical heritage assets and their setting. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be more than 1,500m of Bagnall Road Wood (LNR) and would not increase external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be limited effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Bagnall has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Bagnall and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BG008)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 500m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 10 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as could the site's accessibility to areas of existing employment. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities which is likely to have a significant negative effect, as could the site's proximity to historic assets. The development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land and the ecological value of the site is likely to also have a negative effect.			

Table 15.227

BG014

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BG014)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BG014)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is outside of the settlement boundary could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village, it is within 400m of the village centre but has insufficient services and facilities to meet the needs of the community. It should be noted that Bagnall does not have a primary or secondary school. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. It should be noted that Bagnall does not have a GP surgery. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 10 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BG014)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?		
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the village centre of Bagnall as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 400m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. The development could also be expected to lead to increased water demand within the District. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BG014)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? ● Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?		
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	● Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? ● Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? ● Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is more than 1,250m from Bagnall Road Wood (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is not considered to have an effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site itself has three trees with bat potential which forms the main biodiversity interest, although it is fairly poorly connected to other biodiverse habitats within the locality, it is attributed some ecological value. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	● Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? ● Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? ● Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? ● Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? ● Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	● Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? ● Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? ● Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	● Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? ● Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns	The site is within 400m from ten grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of these historical heritage assets and their setting. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BG014)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?		
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be more than 1,250m of Bagnall Road Wood (LNR) and would not increase external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be limited effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Bagnall has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Bagnall and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BG014)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 500m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 10 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as could the site's accessibility to areas of existing employment. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities which is likely to have a significant negative effect, as could the site's proximity to historic assets. The development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land and the ecological value of the site is likely to also have a negative effect.			

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BG015

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BG015)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	SOCIAL		
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is outside of the settlement boundary could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BG015)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village, it is within 400m of the village centre but has insufficient services and facilities to meet the needs of the community. It should be noted that Bagnall does not have a primary or secondary school. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. It should be noted that Bagnall does not have a GP surgery. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 10 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the village centre of Bagnall as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BG015)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 400m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. The development could also be expected to lead to increased water demand within the District. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is more than 1,250m from Bagnall Road Wood (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is not considered to have an effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site itself has four trees with bat potential and a species rich hedgerow and is attributed some ecological value, although it is fairly poorly connected to other biodiverse habitats within the locality. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BG015)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m from ten grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of these historical heritage assets and their setting. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be more than 1,250m of Bagnall Road Wood (LNR) and would not increase external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be limited effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BG015)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Bagnall has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Bagnall and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 500m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 10 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as could the site's accessibility to areas of existing employment. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities which is likely to have a significant negative effect, as could the site's proximity to historic assets. The development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land and the ecological value of the site is likely to also have a negative effect.			

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Potentially suitable sites (5+ dwellings) - within the draft Infill Boundary

BL006

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BL006)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is outside of the settlement boundary could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village, it is within 400m of the village centre but has insufficient services and facilities to meet the needs of the community. It should be noted that Blackshaw Moor does not have a secondary school. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. It should be noted that Blackshaw Moor does not have a GP surgery. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BL006)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 12 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the village centre of Blackshaw Moor as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 400m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BL006)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. The development could also be expected to lead to increased water demand within the District. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is more than 1,250m from Thorncliffe Moor SSSI, the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is not considered to have an effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has potential for protected species to be present due to the buildings present on site and has been deemed to have some ecological value despite fairly poor connectivity to the wider countryside. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BL006)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is more than 400m from any listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is limited scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of these historical heritage assets and their setting. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be more than 1,250m of Thorncliffe Moor SSSI and would not increase external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be limited effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the South West Peak National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Blackshaw Moor has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Blackshaw Moor and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BL006)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 500m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 12 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as could the site's accessibility to areas of existing employment. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities which is likely to have a significant negative effect. The development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land and the ecological value of the site is likely to have a negative effect.			

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BL007

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BL007)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	SOCIAL		
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is outside of the settlement boundary could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender	The site is located on the edge of the village, it is within 400m of the village centre but has insufficient services and facilities to meet the needs of the community. It should be noted that Blackshaw Moor does	--

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BL007)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? ● Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	not have a secondary school. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	● Help improve health or access to health facilities? ● Help promote healthy lifestyles? ● Help to reduce health inequalities? ● Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. It should be noted that Blackshaw Moor does not have a GP surgery. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	● Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? ● Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	● Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? ● Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? ● Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 7 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	● Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? ● Support the use of public transport? ● Support safe walking and cycling? ● Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the village centre of Blackshaw Moor as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BL007)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 400m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. The development could also be expected to lead to increased water demand within the District. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is more than 1,250m from Thorncliffe Moor SSSI, the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is not considered to have an effect on this asset. This site has not been subject to an ecology survey, so the exact effects are uncertain. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BL007)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is more than 400m from any listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is limited scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of these historical heritage assets and their setting. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be more than 1,250m of Thorncliffe Moor SSSI and would not increase external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be limited effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the South West Peak National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BL007)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Blackshaw Moor has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Blackshaw Moor and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 500m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The site's accessibility to areas of existing employment is considered to have a significant positive effect. The proposed delivery of 7 dwellings is likely to have a positive effect, as could the site's accessibility to areas of open space. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities which is likely to have a significant negative effect. The development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is likely to have a negative effect.			

Table 15.231

Caverswall

Potentially suitable sites (5+ dwellings) - within the Infill Boundary

CV005

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CV005)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is within the settlement boundary could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village, it is within 400m of the village centre but has insufficient services and facilities to meet the needs of the community. It should be noted that Caverswall does not have a secondary school. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. It should be noted that Caverswall does not have a GP surgery. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CV005)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 10 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the village centre of Caverswall as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 400m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CV005)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. The development could also be expected to lead to increased water demand within the District. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is more than 2,000m from Coyney Woods (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is not considered to have an effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site contains fairly species poor habitats and common species, although it is fairly well connected to the wider countryside. As two buildings are present with the potential to support roosting bats the site is deemed to have some ecological value. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 3 ALC land so development of this site could result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CV005)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 50m of one grade II listed asset and 400m from one grade II* listed asset and fourteen grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of these historical heritage assets and their setting. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be more than 2,000m from Coyney Woods (LNR) and would not increase external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be limited effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Caverswall has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Caverswall and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CV005)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,500m to existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 10 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities and areas of existing employment which is likely to have a significant negative effect, as could the development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land and the site's proximity to historic assets. The ecological value of the site is likely to have a negative effect.			

Table 15.232

Potentially suitable sites (5+ dwellings) - within the Green Belt

CV004

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CV004)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is outside the settlement boundary could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CV004)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village, it is within 400m of the village centre but has insufficient services and facilities to meet the needs of the community. It should be noted that Caverswall does not have a secondary school. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. It should be noted that Caverswall does not have a GP surgery. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 8 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the village centre of Caverswall as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CV004)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 400m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. The development could also be expected to lead to increased water demand within the District. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is more than 2,000m from Coyney Woods (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is not considered to have an effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the majority of the site contains fairly species poor habitats although they are well connected to the wider countryside they have been deemed to have low ecological value overall. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 3 ALC land so development of this site could result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a	--/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CV004)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 50m of one grade II listed asset and 400m from one grade II* listed asset and fourteen grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of these historical heritage assets and their setting. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be more than 2,000m from Coyney Woods (LNR) and would not increase external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be limited effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CV004)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Caverswall has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Caverswall and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,500m to existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 8 dwellings is considered to have a positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space and low ecological value of the site is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities and areas of existing employment which is likely to have a significant negative effect, as could the development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land and the site's proximity to historic assets.			

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CV006

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CV006)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CV006)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is outside the settlement boundary could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village, it is within 400m of the village centre but has insufficient services and facilities to meet the needs of the community. It should be noted that Caverswall does not have a secondary school. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. It should be noted that Caverswall does not have a GP surgery. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 8 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CV006)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the village centre of Caverswall as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 400m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. The development could also be expected to lead to increased water demand within the District. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites?	The site is more than 2,000m from Coyney Woods (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is not considered to have an effect on	-/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CV006)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site contains fairly species poor habitats and diversity although is well connected from the western boundary to the wider countryside through an area of semi-natural broadleaved woodland. The site is deemed to have some ecological value due to its good connectivity to the wider countryside and the potential to support polecat populations. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 3 ALC land so development of this site could result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 50m of one grade II listed asset and 400m from one grade II* listed asset and fourteen grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of these historical heritage assets and their setting. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness?	The site would be more than 2,000m from Coyney Woods (LNR) and would not increase external pressures on these sites. Given the location	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CV006)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	of the site, it is considered that there could be limited effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Caverswall has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Caverswall and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,500m to existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects:			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CV006)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
The proposed delivery of circa 8 dwellings is considered to have a positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities and areas of existing employment which is likely to have a significant negative effect, as could the development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land and the site's proximity to historic assets. The ecological value of the site is likely to have a negative effect.			

Table 15.234

Cookshill

Potentially suitable sites (5+ dwellings) - within the Green Belt

CL004

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CL004)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is outside the settlement boundary could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage	The site is located on the edge of the village, it is within 400m of the village centre but has insufficient services and facilities to meet the needs of the community. It should be noted that Cookshill does not have a secondary school. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CL004)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	/ civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? ● Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.		
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	● Help improve health or access to health facilities? ● Help promote healthy lifestyles? ● Help to reduce health inequalities? ● Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. It should be noted that Cookshill does not have a GP surgery. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	● Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? ● Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	● Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? ● Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? ● Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 20 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	● Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? ● Support the use of public transport? ● Support safe walking and cycling? ● Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the village centre of Cookshill as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CL004)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 400m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. The development could also be expected to lead to increased water demand within the District. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is within 1,250m of Coyney Woods (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is not considered to have an effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site mostly contains fairly species poor habitats but with some potential to support European and UK protected species along the dry ditch and connecting hedgerow, which is well connected to potentially biodiverse habitats and able to support European and UK protected species. Therefore the site is considered to have ecological value. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 3 ALC land so	--/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CL004)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	development of this site could result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is more than 400m from a listed asset. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is limited scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of these historical heritage assets and their setting. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be within 1,250m from Coyney Woods (LNR) and would not increase external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be limited effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CL004)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Cookshill has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Cookshill and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,500m to existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 20 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space and location away from historic assets is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities and areas of existing employment which is likely to have a significant negative effect, as could the development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land. The ecological value of the site is likely to have a negative effect.			

Table 15.235

CL007

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CL007)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CL007)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is outside the settlement boundary could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village, it is within 400m of the village centre but has insufficient services and facilities to meet the needs of the community. It should be noted that Cookshill does not have a secondary school. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. It should be noted that Cookshill does not have a GP surgery. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 30 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CL007)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the village centre of Cookshill as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 400m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. The development could also be expected to lead to increased water demand within the District. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites?	The site is within 1,500m of Coyney Woods (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is not considered to have an effect on	-/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CL007)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site itself has nine trees with bat potential and two species rich hedgerows which are fairly poorly connected to the wider countryside and therefore the site is deemed to have some ecological value. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 3 ALC land so development of this site could result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m from one grade II listed asset. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of these historical heritage assets and their setting. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness?	The site would be within 1,500m from Coyney Woods (LNR) and would not increase external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be limited effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CL007)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Cookshill has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Cookshill and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,500m to existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects:			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CL007)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
The proposed delivery of circa 30 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities and areas of existing employment which is likely to have a significant negative effect, as could the development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land. The ecological value of the site and its proximity to historic assets is likely to have a negative effect.			

Table 15.236

Checkley

Potentially suitable sites (5+ dwellings) - outside the Infill Boundary

CK007

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CK007)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is outside the settlement boundary could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage	The site is located on the edge of the village, it is within 400m of the village centre but has insufficient services and facilities to meet the needs of the community. It should be noted that Checkley does not have a secondary school. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CK007)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	/ civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? ● Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.		
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	● Help improve health or access to health facilities? ● Help promote healthy lifestyles? ● Help to reduce health inequalities? ● Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. It should be noted that Checkley does not have a GP surgery. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	● Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? ● Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	● Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? ● Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? ● Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 6 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	● Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? ● Support the use of public transport? ● Support safe walking and cycling? ● Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the village centre of Checkley as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CK007)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 400m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. The development could also be expected to lead to increased water demand within the District. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is more than 4,500m from Cecilly Brook (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is not considered to have an effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has very low biodiversity value overall in terms of area, is adjacent to a main road to the south and farm buildings to the east, dwellings to the west and species poor grasslands to the north with poor connectivity. Therefore the site is considered to have low ecological value. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 3 ALC land so	--/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CK007)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	development of this site could result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m from one scheduled monument, one grade I listed asset and nine grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of these historical heritage assets and their setting. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be more than 4,500m from Cecilly Brook (LNR) and would not increase external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be limited effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Needwood and South Derbyshire Claylands National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CK007)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Checkley has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Checkley and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,500m to existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 6 dwellings is considered to have a positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space and low ecological value is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities and areas of existing employment which is likely to have a significant negative effect, as could the development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land. The site's proximity to historic assets is likely to have a negative effect.			

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CK008

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CK008)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CK008)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is outside the settlement boundary could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village, it is within 400m of the village centre but has insufficient services and facilities to meet the needs of the community. It should be noted that Checkley does not have a secondary school. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. It should be noted that Checkley does not have a GP surgery. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 7 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CK008)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?		
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the village centre of Checkley as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 400m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. The development could also be expected to lead to increased water demand within the District. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CK008)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? ● Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?		
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	● Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? ● Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? ● Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is more than 4,500m from Cecilly Brook (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is not considered to have an effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has mostly low biodiversity value overall in terms of area, is adjacent to a main road to the south and dwellings to the east west and species poor grasslands to the north, and has poor connectivity. Therefore the site is considered to have low ecological value. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	● Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? ● Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? ● Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? ● Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? ● Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 3 ALC land so development of this site could result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	● Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? ● Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? ● Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	● Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? ● Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns	The site is within 400m from one scheduled monument, one grade I listed asset and eight grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of these historical heritage assets and their setting. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CK008)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?		
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be more than 4,500m from Cecilly Brook (LNR) and would not increase external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be limited effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Needwood and South Derbyshire Claylands National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Checkley has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Checkley and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CK008)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,500m to existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 7 dwellings is considered to have a positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space and low ecological value is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities and areas of existing employment which is likely to have a significant negative effect, as could the development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land. The site's proximity to historic assets is likely to have a negative effect.			

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15.5.1 Smaller villages: Dilhorne to Foxt

Dilhorne

Potentially suitable sites (5+ dwellings) - within the Green Belt

DH004

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (DL004)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a greenfield site could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village, it is within 400m of the village centre but has insufficient services and facilities to meet the needs of the community. It should be noted that Dilhorne does not have a secondary school. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. It should be noted that Dilhorne does not have a GP	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (DL004)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	surgery. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 20 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the village centre of Dilhorne as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 400m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (DL004)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. The development could also be expected to lead to increased water demand within the District. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is more than 4,500m from Cecilly Brook (LNR) and Churnet Valley SSSI, the nearest designated assets, and, as such, is not considered to have an effect on this asset. This site has not been subject to an ecology survey, so the exact effects are uncertain. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (DL004)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 50m from one grade II listed asset and within 400m from two grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of these historical heritage assets and their setting. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be more than 4,500m from Cecilly Brook (LNR) and Churnet Valley SSSI and would not increase external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Dilhorne has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Dilhorne and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (DL004)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,500m to existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 20 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space and distance from designated assets is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities and areas of existing employment, both of which is likely to have a significant negative effect, as could the site's proximity to historic assets. The development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is likely to have a negative effect.			

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DH013

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (DL013)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure?	The development of this site, a greenfield site could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (DL013)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village, it is within 400m of the village centre but has insufficient services and facilities to meet the needs of the community. It should be noted that Dilhorne does not have a secondary school. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. It should be noted that Dilhorne does not have a GP surgery. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 6 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the village centre of Dilhorne as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (DL013)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 400m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. The development could also be expected to lead to increased water demand within the District. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is more than 4,500m from Cecilly Brook (LNR) and Churnet Valley SSSI, the nearest designated assets, and, as such, is not considered to have an effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site is attributed low ecological value as it has mostly low biodiversity value overall in terms of area, is adjacent to a road to the north, farm buildings and dwellings on the edge of a small village with fairly poor connectivity to the wider countryside through one hedgerow. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (DL013)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 50m from one grade II listed asset and within 400m from six grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of these historical heritage assets and their setting. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be more than 4,500m from Cecilly Brook (LNR) and Churnet Valley SSSI and would not increase external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (DL013)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Dilhorne has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Dilhorne and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,500m to existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 6 dwellings is considered to have a positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space and distance from designated assets is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities and areas of existing employment, both of which is likely to have a significant negative effect, as could the site's proximity to historic assets. The development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is likely to have a negative effect.			

Table 15.240

DH018

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (DL018)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a greenfield site could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village, it is within 400m of the village centre but has insufficient services and facilities to meet the needs of the community. It should be noted that Dilhorne does not have a secondary school. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. It should be noted that Dilhorne does not have a GP surgery. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (DL018)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 7 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the village centre of Dilhorne as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However, the site is within 400m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. The development could also be expected to	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (DL018)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	lead to increased water demand within the District. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is more than 4,500m from Cecilly Brook (LNR) and Churnet Valley SSSI, the nearest designated assets, and, as such, is not considered to have an effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has potential for protected species to be present due to proximity of ponds and wetland habitats and the good connectivity to these potentially biodiverse habitats and the wider countryside. Therefore the site is attributed some ecological importance. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic	The site is within 50m of one grade II listed asset and within 400m from one grade II* listed asset and ten grade II listed assets.	--/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (DL018)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of these historical heritage assets and their setting. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be more than 4,500m from Cecilly Brook (LNR) and Churnet Valley SSSI and would not increase external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Dilhorne has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Dilhorne and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels?	The site is over 1,500m to existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site	--

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (DL018)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	

Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects:

The proposed delivery of circa 7 dwellings is considered to have a positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities and areas of existing employment, both of which is likely to have a significant negative effect, as could the site's proximity to historic assets. The development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is likely to have a negative effect, as could the site's ecological value.

Table 15.241

DH026

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (DL026)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	SOCIAL		
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure?	The development of this site, a greenfield site could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village, it is within 400m of the village centre but has insufficient services and facilities to meet the needs of the community. It should be noted that Dilhorne does not have a secondary school. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (DL026)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. It should be noted that Dilhorne does not have a GP surgery. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 15 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the village centre of Dilhorne as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However, the site is within 400m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (DL026)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. The development could also be expected to lead to increased water demand within the District. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is more than 4,500m from Cecilly Brook (LNR) and Churnet Valley SSSI, the nearest designated assets, and, as such, is not considered to have an effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has potential for protected species to be present due to proximity of ponds and wetland habitats and the good connectivity to these potentially biodiverse habitats through species rich hedgerows and adjacent habitat to the wider countryside. Therefore the site is deemed to have some ecological value. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (DL026)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m from seven grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of these historical heritage assets and their setting. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be more than 4,500m from Cecilly Brook (LNR) and Churnet Valley SSSI and would not increase external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Dilhorne has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Dilhorne and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (DL026)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,500m to existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 15 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities and areas of existing employment, both of which is likely to have a significant negative effect. The development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is likely to have a negative effect, as could the site's ecological value and proximity to historic assets.			

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Potentially suitable sites (5+ dwellings) - within the Green Belt

DC003

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (DC003)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (DC003)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a greenfield site could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village, it is within 400m of the village centre but has insufficient services and facilities to meet the needs of the community. It should be noted that Draycott does not have a primary or secondary school. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. It should be noted that Draycott does not have a GP surgery. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 10 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this	++

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (DC003)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the village centre of Draycott as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However, the site is within 400m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. The development could also be expected to lead to increased water demand within the District. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (DC003)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is more than 4,000m from Cecilly Brook (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is not considered to have an effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site itself has species poor grassland, a small semi-natural broadleaved woodland connected to a pond to the north and further woodland and scrub within a rural landscape, which has been deemed to have some ecological value. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 3 ALC land so development of this site could result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 50m from one grade II listed asset and within 400m from one grade II* listed asset and three grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of these historical heritage assets and their setting. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (DC003)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be more than 4,000m from Cecilly Brook (LNR) and would not increase external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Needwood and South Derbyshire Claylands National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Draycott has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Draycott and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,500m to existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects:			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (DC003)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
The proposed delivery of circa 10 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities and areas of existing employment, both of which is likely to have a significant negative effect, as could the site's proximity to historic assets and development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land. The site's ecological value is likely to have a negative effect.			

Table 15.243

Foxt

Potentially suitable sites (5+ dwellings) - outside the draft Infill Boundary

FO008

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (FO008)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	SOCIAL		
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a greenfield site outside the development boundary, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage	The site is located on the edge of the village, it is within 400m of the village centre but has insufficient services and facilities to meet the needs of the community. It should be noted that Foxt does not have a primary or secondary school. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (FO008)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	/ civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? ● Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.		
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	● Help improve health or access to health facilities? ● Help promote healthy lifestyles? ● Help to reduce health inequalities? ● Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. It should be noted that Foxt does not have a GP surgery. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	● Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? ● Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	● Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? ● Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? ● Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 8 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	● Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? ● Support the use of public transport? ● Support safe walking and cycling? ● Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the village centre of Foxt as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (FO008)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However, the site is within 400m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. The development could also be expected to lead to increased water demand within the District. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is within 500m from Churnet Valley SSSI, the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have an effect on this asset. This site has not been subject to an ecology survey, so the exact effects are uncertain. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (FO008)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?		
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m from four grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of these historical heritage assets and their setting. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be within 500m from Churnet Valley SSSI and would increase external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural regeneration. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (FO008)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Foxt has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Foxt and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 500m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The site has good accessibility to areas of existing employment which is likely to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the proposed delivery of circa 8 dwellings is considered to have a positive effect, as could the site's accessibility to areas of open space. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities and is in proximity to designated assets, both of which is likely to have a significant negative effect. The development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is likely to have a negative effect, as could the site's proximity to historic assets.			

Table 15.244

15.5.2 Smaller villages: Hollington to Longsdon

Hollington

Potentially suitable sites (5+ dwellings) - outside the draft Infill Boundary

HO002

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (HO002)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a greenfield site outside of the development boundary could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village, it is within 400m of the village centre but has insufficient services and facilities to meet the needs of the community. It should be noted that Hollington does not have a primary or secondary school. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. It should be noted that Hollington does not have a GP surgery. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (HO002)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?		
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 7 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the village centre of Hollington as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However, the site is within 400m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (HO002)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. The development could also be expected to lead to increased water demand within the District. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is more than 3,500m from Dimmings Dale and The Ranger SSSI and Saltersford Lane Meadows SSSI, the nearest designated assets, and, as such, is not considered to have an effect on this asset. This site has not been subject to an ecology survey, so the exact effects are uncertain. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (HO002)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 50m of one grade II listed asset and within 400m from five grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of these historical heritage assets and their setting. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be more than 3,500m from Dimmings Dale and The Ranger SSSI and Saltersford Lane Meadows SSSI and would not increase external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Hollington has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Hollington and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (HO002)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,500m to existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 7 dwellings is considered to have a positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space and location away from designated assets is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities and areas of existing employment, both of which is likely to have a significant negative effect, as could the site's proximity to historic assets. The development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is likely to have a negative effect.			

Table 15.245

HO003

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (HO003)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality?	The development of this site, a greenfield site outside of the development boundary could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (HO003)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?		
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village, it is within 400m of the village centre but has insufficient services and facilities to meet the needs of the community. It should be noted that Hollington does not have a primary or secondary school. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. It should be noted that Hollington does not have a GP surgery. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 6 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the village centre of Hollington as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (HO003)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However, the site is within 400m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. The development could also be expected to lead to increased water demand within the District. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites?	The site is more than 3,500m from Dimmings Dale and The Ranger SSSI and Saltersford Lane Meadows SSSI, the nearest designated assets, and, as such, is not considered to have an effect on this asset. This site has not been subject to an ecology survey, so the	+/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (HO003)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	exact effects are uncertain. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 50m of one grade II listed asset and within 400m from five grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of these historical heritage assets and their setting. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness?	The site would be more than 3,500m from Dimmings Dale and The Ranger SSSI and Saltersford Lane Meadows SSSI and would not increase external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (HO003)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Hollington has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Hollington and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,500m to existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects:			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (HO003)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
The proposed delivery of circa 6 dwellings is considered to have a positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space and location away from designated assets is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities and areas of existing employment, both of which is likely to have a significant negative effect, as could the site's proximity to historic assets. The development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is likely to have a negative effect.			

Table 15.246

Hulme

Potentially suitable sites (5+ dwellings) - within the Green Belt

HU002

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (HU002)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a brownfield site outside of the development boundary could help to improve the social and environmental quality of the village centre. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage /	The site is located on the edge of the village, it is within 400m of the village centre but has insufficient services and facilities to meet the needs of the community. It should be noted that Hulme does not have a primary or secondary school. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (HU002)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? ● Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.		
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	● Help improve health or access to health facilities? ● Help promote healthy lifestyles? ● Help to reduce health inequalities? ● Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. It should be noted that Hulme does not have a GP surgery. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	● Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? ● Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	● Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? ● Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? ● Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 5 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	● Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? ● Support the use of public transport? ● Support safe walking and cycling? ● Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the village centre of Hulme as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. However, the site is circa 1,500m from a bus stop or other form of public transport. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
ENVIRONMENTAL			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (HU002)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However, the site is within 400m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. The development could also be expected to lead to increased water demand within the District. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is within 750m of Hulme Quarry SSSI, the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have an effect on this asset. This site has not been subject to an ecology survey, so the exact effects are uncertain. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on brownfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (HU002)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?		
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	The development of this brownfield site could enable the re-use of existing buildings within the village centre. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development could incorporate sustainable materials. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is more than 400m from any listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is limited scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of these historical heritage assets and their setting. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be within 750m from Hulme Quarry SSSI and would increase external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	+
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (HU002)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Hulme has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Hulme and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 1,000m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 5 dwellings is considered to have a positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space, areas of existing employment and location away from historic assets is likely to have a positive effect, as could the development of brownfield land. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities which is likely to have a significant negative effect, as could the site's proximity to designated assets.			

Table 15.247

Kingsley Holt

Potentially suitable sites (5+ dwellings) - within the Infill Boundary

KH018

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (KH018)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (KH018)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure?	The development of this site, a greenfield site within the development boundary could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village, it is within 400m of the village centre but has insufficient services and facilities to meet the needs of the community. It should be noted that Kingsley Holt does not have a primary or secondary school. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. It should be noted that Kingsley Holt does not have a GP surgery. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 8 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (KH018)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the village centre of Kingsley Holt as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However, the site is within 400m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. The development could also be expected to lead to increased water demand within the District. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites?	The site is within 500m of Froghall Meadow and Pastures SSSI, the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have an effect	--/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (KH018)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has mostly low biodiversity value overall in terms of area, is adjacent to a main road to the west with buildings and species poor grasslands, and has poor connectivity to the wider countryside. The site is deemed as having some ecological value due to the presence of species rich hedgerows and a tree with bat roosting potential. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m from one grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of these historical heritage assets and their setting. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness?	The site would be within 500m from Froghall Meadow and Pastures SSSI and would increase external pressures on these sites. Given the	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (KH018)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural regeneration. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Kingsley Holt has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Kingsley Holt and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 1,000m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (KH018)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 8 dwellings is considered to have a positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space and areas of existing employment is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities which is likely to have a significant negative effect, as could the site's proximity to designated assets. The development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is likely to have a negative effect, as could the site's proximity to historic assets.			

Table 15.248

Potentially suitable sites (5+ dwellings) - outside the Infill Boundary

KH009

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (KH009)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a brownfield site outside of the development boundary could help to improve the social and environmental quality of the village centre. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage	The site is located on the edge of the village, it is within 400m of the village centre but has insufficient services and facilities to meet the needs of the community. It should be noted that Kingsley Holt does not have a primary or secondary school. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (KH009)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	/ civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? ● Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.		
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	● Help improve health or access to health facilities? ● Help promote healthy lifestyles? ● Help to reduce health inequalities? ● Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. It should be noted that Kingsley Holt does not have a GP surgery. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	● Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? ● Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	● Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? ● Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? ● Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 9 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	● Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? ● Support the use of public transport? ● Support safe walking and cycling? ● Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the village centre of Kingsley Holt as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (KH009)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However, the site is within 400m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. The development could also be expected to lead to increased water demand within the District. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is within 400m of Froghall Meadow and Pastures SSSI, the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have an effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has mostly low biodiversity with numerous non-native and coniferous species present, is adjacent to a road to the west and buildings to the north and species poor grasslands, with fairly good connectivity to the wider countryside. The site is deemed to have some value from an ecological perspective. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on brownfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (KH009)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	The development of this brownfield site could enable the re-use of existing buildings within the village centre. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development could incorporate sustainable materials. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is more than 400m from any listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is limited scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of historical heritage assets and their setting. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be within 500m from Froghall Meadow and Pastures SSSI and would increase external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (KH009)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
		regeneration. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Kingsley Holt has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Kingsley Holt and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 1,000m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 9 dwellings is considered to have a positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space and areas of existing employment is likely to have a positive effect, as could its location away from historic assets and the development of brownfield land. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities which is likely to have a significant negative effect, as could the site's proximity to designated assets.			

Table 15.249

ADD07

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (ADD07)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (ADD07)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a greenfield site outside of the development boundary could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village, it is within 400m of the village centre but has insufficient services and facilities to meet the needs of the community. It should be noted that Kingsley Holt does not have a primary or secondary school. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. It should be noted that Kingsley Holt does not have a GP surgery. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met?	Based on the location and size of the site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 52 dwellings and therefore also provide a	++

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (ADD07)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the village centre of Kingsley Holt as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However, the site is within 400m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. The development could also be expected to lead to increased water demand within the District. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (ADD07)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? ● Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?		
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	● Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? ● Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? ● Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is within 600m of Froghall Meadow and Pastures SSSI, the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have an effect on this asset. This site has not been subject to an ecology survey, so the exact effects are uncertain. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	● Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? ● Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? ● Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? ● Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? ● Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	● Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? ● Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? ● Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	+
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	● Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? ● Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m one grade II listed asset. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of historical heritage assets and their setting. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (ADD07)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be within 600m from Froghall Meadow and Pastures SSSI and would increase external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural regeneration. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Kingsley Holt has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Kingsley Holt and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (ADD07)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 1,000m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 52 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. The site's accessibility to areas of existing employment is considered to have a positive effect. However, the site's inaccessibility to services and facilities is likely to have a significant negative effect. Similarly, the site's proximity to designated and historic assets is likely to have a negative effect, as could the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land.			

Table 15.250

Leekbrook

Potentially suitable sites (5+ dwellings) - within the Infill Boundary

LB006

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (LB006)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality?	The development of this site, a greenfield site within the development boundary could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (LB006)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?		
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village, it is within 400m of the village centre but has insufficient services and facilities to meet the needs of the community. It should be noted that Leekbrook does not have a primary or secondary school. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. It should be noted that Leekbrook does not have a GP surgery. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 6 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the village centre of Leekbrook as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (LB006)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However, the site is within 400m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. The development could also be expected to lead to increased water demand within the District. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites?	The site is within 1,750m of Ladderedge Country Park (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is not considered to have an effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has poor biodiversity and has poor connectivity to the wider	+/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (LB006)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	countryside therefore is deemed to have low ecological value. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is more than 400m from any listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is limited scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of historical heritage assets and their setting. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness?	The site would be within 1,750m from Ladderedge Country Park (LNR) and would not increase external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (LB006)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural regeneration. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Leekbrook has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Leekbrook and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 500m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects:			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (LB006)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
The site's accessibility to areas of existing employment is likely to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the proposed delivery of circa 6 dwellings is considered to have a positive effect, as could the site's accessibility to areas of open space and its location away from designated and historic assets. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities which is likely to have a significant negative effect. The development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is likely to have a negative effect.			

Table 15.251

Potentially suitable sites (5+ dwellings) - outside the Infill Boundary

LB011

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (LB011)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	SOCIAL		
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure?	The development of this site, a greenfield site outside the development boundary could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village, it is within 400m of the village centre but has insufficient services and facilities to meet the needs of the community. It should be noted that Leekbrook does not have a primary or secondary school. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. It	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (LB011)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	should be noted that Leekbrook does not have a GP surgery. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 6 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the village centre of Leekbrook as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However, the site is within 400m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (LB011)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	Part of the site is located within a flood zone 2 area and, as such, it can be considered that the site would be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. The development could also be expected to lead to an increased is water demand within the District. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is within 1,750m of Ladderedge Country Park (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is not considered to have an effect on this asset. This site has not been subject to an ecology survey, so the exact effects are uncertain. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (LB011)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is more than 400m from any listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is limited scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of historical heritage assets and their setting. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be within 1,750m from Ladderedge Country Park (LNR) and would not increase external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural regeneration. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Leekbrook has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Leekbrook and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (LB011)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 500m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The site's accessibility to areas of existing employment is likely to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the proposed delivery of circa 6 dwellings is considered to have a positive effect, as could the site's accessibility to areas of open space and its location away from designated and historic assets. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities which is likely to have a significant negative effect. The development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is likely to have a negative effect.			

Table 15.252

LB012

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (LB012)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality?	The development of this site, a greenfield site outside the development boundary could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (LB012)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?		
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village, it is within 400m of the village centre but has insufficient services and facilities to meet the needs of the community. It should be noted that Leekbrook does not have a primary or secondary school. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. It should be noted that Leekbrook does not have a GP surgery. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 6 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the village centre of Leekbrook as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (LB012)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However, the site is within 400m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	Part of the site is located within a flood zone 2 area and, as such, it can be considered that the site would be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. The development could also be expected to lead to an increased is water demand within the District. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites?	The site is within 1,750m of Ladderedge Country Park (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is not considered to have an effect on this asset. This site has not been subject to an ecology survey, so the exact effects are uncertain. The HRA notes that no	+/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (LB012)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is more than 400m from any listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is limited scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of historical heritage assets and their setting. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness?	The site would be within 1,750m from Ladderedge Country Park (LNR) and would not increase external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (LB012)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural regeneration. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Leekbrook has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Leekbrook and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 500m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects:			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (LB012)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
The site's accessibility to areas of existing employment is likely to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the proposed delivery of circa 6 dwellings is considered to have a positive effect, as could the site's accessibility to areas of open space and its location away from designated and historic assets. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities which is likely to have a significant negative effect. The development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is likely to have a negative effect.			

Table 15.253

Longsdon

Potentially suitable sites (5+ dwellings) - within the draft Infill Boundary

LO002

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (LO002)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a greenfield site within the development boundary could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage	The site is located on the edge of the village, it is within 400m of the village centre but has insufficient services and facilities to meet the needs of the community. It should be noted that Longsdon does not have a primary or secondary school. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (LO002)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	/ civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? ● Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.		
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	● Help improve health or access to health facilities? ● Help promote healthy lifestyles? ● Help to reduce health inequalities? ● Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. It should be noted that Longsdon does not have a GP surgery. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	● Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? ● Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	● Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? ● Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? ● Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 10 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	● Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? ● Support the use of public transport? ● Support safe walking and cycling? ● Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the village centre of Longsdon as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (LO002)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However, the site is within 400m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. The development could also be expected to lead to increased water demand within the District. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is within 400m of Ladderedge Country Park (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have an effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has low potential to support protected species, and the site is fairly poorly connected to the wider countryside, though is attributed some ecological value due to the presence of two trees with potential to support roosting bats. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (LO002)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m one grade II* listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of historical heritage assets and their setting. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be within 400m from Ladderedge Country Park (LNR) and could increase external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (LO002)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
		regeneration. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Longsdon has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Longsdon and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,500m to existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 10 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities and areas of existing employment which is likely to have a significant negative effect. The development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is likely to have a negative effect, as could the site's proximity to designated and historic assets.			

Table 15.254

LO007

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (LO007)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (LO007)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure?	The development of this site, a greenfield site within the development boundary could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village, it is within 400m of the village centre but has insufficient services and facilities to meet the needs of the community. It should be noted that Longsdon does not have a primary or secondary school. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. It should be noted that Longsdon does not have a GP surgery. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 5 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (LO007)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the village centre of Longsdon as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However, the site is within 400m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. The development could also be expected to lead to increased water demand within the District. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites?	The site is within 400m of Ladderedge Country Park (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have an effect on this	-/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (LO007)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	asset. This site has not been subject to an ecology survey, so the exact effects are uncertain. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m one grade II* listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of historical heritage assets and their setting. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement	The site would be within 400m from Ladderedge Country Park (LNR) and could increase external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (LO007)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?		
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural regeneration. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Longsdon has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Longsdon and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,500m to existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects:			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (LO007)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
The proposed delivery of circa 5 dwellings is considered to have a positive effect, as could the site's accessibility to areas of open space. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities and areas of existing employment which is likely to have a significant negative effect. The development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is likely to have a negative effect, as could the site's proximity to designated and historic assets.			

Table 15.255

Potentially suitable sites (5+ dwellings) - within the Green Belt

LO021

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (LO021)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a greenfield site outside the development boundary could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village, it is within 400m of the village centre but has insufficient services and facilities to meet the needs of the community. It should be noted that Longsdon does not have a primary or secondary school. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (LO021)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. It should be noted that Longsdon does not have a GP surgery. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 13 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the village centre of Longsdon as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However, the site is within 400m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (LO021)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. The development could also be expected to lead to increased water demand within the District. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is within 400m of Ladderedge Country Park (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have an effect on this asset. This site has not been subject to an ecology survey, so the exact effects are uncertain. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (LO021)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m one grade II* listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of historical heritage assets and their setting. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be within 400m from Ladderedge Country Park (LNR) and could increase external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural regeneration. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Longsdon has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Longsdon and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (LO021)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,500m to existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 13 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities and areas of existing employment which is likely to have a significant negative effect. The development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is likely to have a negative effect, as could the site's proximity to designated and historic assets.			

Table 15.256

15.5.3 Smaller villages: Lower Tean to Rushton Spencer

Lower Tean

Potentially suitable sites (5+ dwellings) - outside the Infill Boundary

LT001

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (LT001)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a greenfield site outside the development boundary could be expected to have an effect on the Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village, it is within 400m of the village centre but has insufficient services and facilities to meet the needs of the community. It should be noted that Lower Tean does not have a primary or secondary school. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. It should be noted that Lower Tean does not have a GP surgery.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (LT001)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 20 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the village centre of Lower Tean as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However, the site is within 400m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (LT001)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is more than 3,500m from Cecilly Brook (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is not considered to have an effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has mostly low biodiversity value overall in terms of the improved grassland area and is also directly adjacent to a housing estate and species poor grasslands. The hedgerow however has very good connectivity to the wider countryside becoming more diverse further north and should be retained and potentially qualify for SBI status, hence the site itself being attributed ecological value. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 3 ALC land so development of this site could result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (LT001)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 50m of two grade II listed assets and within 400m of one scheduled monument and eight grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of historical heritage assets and their setting. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be more than 3,500m from Cecilly Brook (LNR) and would not increase external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Needwood and South Derbyshire Claylands National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Lower Tean has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Lower Tean and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (LT001)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,000m to existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 20 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities which is likely to have a significant negative effect, as could the development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land and proximity to historic assets. The site's proximity to designated assets and the inaccessibility of areas of existing employment are likely to have a negative effect.			

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LT002

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (LT002)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure?	The development of this site, a greenfield site outside the development boundary could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (LT002)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?		
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village, it is within 400m of the village centre but has insufficient services and facilities to meet the needs of the community. It should be noted that Lower Tean does not have a primary or secondary school. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. It should be noted that Lower Tean does not have a GP surgery. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 6 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the village centre of Lower Tean as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (LT002)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However, the site is within 400m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites?	The site is more than 3,500m from Cecilly Brook (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is not considered to have an effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has mostly low biodiversity value overall in terms of area, is adjacent to	-/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (LT002)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	a main road to the south and farm buildings to the east and species poor grasslands to the north and west, but has good connectivity to the wider countryside through networks of species rich hedgerows. The presence of a species rich hedgerow attributes the site some ecological value. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 3 ALC land so development of this site could result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 50m of two grade II listed assets and within 400m of one scheduled monument and seven grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of historical heritage assets and their setting. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness?	The site would be more than 3,500m from Cecilly Brook (LNR) and would not increase external pressures on these sites. Given the	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (LT002)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Needwood and South Derbyshire Claylands National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Lower Tean has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Lower Tean and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,000m to existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects:			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (LT002)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
The proposed delivery of circa 6 dwellings is considered to have a positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities which is likely to have a significant negative effect, as could the development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land and proximity to historic assets. The site's proximity to designated assets and the inaccessibility of existing employment are likely to have a negative effect.			

Table 15.258

Oakamoor

Potentially suitable sites (5+ dwellings) - within Infill Boundary

OA026

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (OA026)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	SOCIAL		
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure?	The development of this site, a greenfield site within the infill boundary could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village, it is within 400m of the village centre but has insufficient services and facilities to meet the needs of the community. It should be noted that Oakamoor does not have a secondary school. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (OA026)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. It should be noted that Oakamoor does not have a GP surgery. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 11 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the village centre of Oakamoor as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However, the site is within 400m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (OA026)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is within 800m of Bath Pasture SSSI, the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have an effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has mostly low biodiversity value overall in terms of area, despite its proximity to Cotton Dell Nature Reserve / AWI. The major aspects of ecological interest is the bat potential in the four trees and general potential for supporting reptiles and the connective value of the vegetation to the Local Nature Reserve. The site is therefore considered to have some ecological value. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (OA026)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m of six grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of historical heritage assets and their setting. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be within 800m of Bath Pasture SSSI and could increase external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Oakamoor has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Oakamoor and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (OA026)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,500m to existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 11 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities and areas of existing employment which are likely to have a significant negative effect. The site's proximity to designated and historic assets and the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land are likely to have a negative effect.			

Table 15.259

Potentially suitable sites (5+ dwellings) - outside infill boundary

OA016

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (OA016)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion?	The development of this site, a greenfield site outside the infill boundary could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (OA016)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village, it is within 400m of the village centre but has insufficient services and facilities to meet the needs of the community. It should be noted that Oakamoor does not have a secondary school. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. It should be noted that Oakamoor does not have a GP surgery. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 9 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (OA016)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the village centre of Oakamoor as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However, the site is within 400m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites?	The site is within 800m of Bath Pasture SSSI, the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have an effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has mostly low biodiversity value overall in terms of area, despite its proximity to	-/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (OA016)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	Cotton Dell LWS. The main features of ecological interest are the semi-natural broadleaved woodland and the potential to support reptiles which warrants the site being attributed ecological value. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m of six grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of historical heritage assets and their setting. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness?	The site would be within 800m of Bath Pasture SSSI and could increase external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (OA016)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
and other natural assets and resources.	• Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Oakamoor has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Oakamoor and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,500m to existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects:			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (OA016)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
The proposed delivery of circa 9 dwellings is considered to have a positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities and areas of existing employment which are likely to have a significant negative effect. The site's proximity to designated and historic assets and the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land are likely to have a negative effect.			

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OA030

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (OA030)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a greenfield site outside the infill boundary could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village, it is within 400m of the village centre but has insufficient services and facilities to meet the needs of the community. It should be noted that Oakamoor does not have a secondary school. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (OA030)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. It should be noted that Oakamoor does not have a GP surgery. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 23 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the village centre of Oakamoor as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However, the site is within 400m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (OA030)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is within 900m of Bath Pasture SSSI, the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have an effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has high potential biodiversity and very good connectivity to the wider countryside through broadleaved woodland to the north. The area is attributed high biodiversity value, especially the unimproved calcareous grassland. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (OA030)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m of seven grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of historical heritage assets and their setting. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be within 900m of Bath Pasture SSSI and could increase external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Oakamoor has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Oakamoor and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (OA030)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,500m to existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 23 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities and areas of existing employment which are likely to have a significant negative effect. The site's proximity to designated and historic assets and the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land are likely to have a negative effect.			

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OA031

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (OA031)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality?	The development of this site, a greenfield site outside the infill boundary could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (OA031)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?		
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village, it is within 400m of the village centre but has insufficient services and facilities to meet the needs of the community. It should be noted that Oakamoor does not have a secondary school. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. It should be noted that Oakamoor does not have a GP surgery. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 20 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the village centre of Oakamoor as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (OA031)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However, the site is within 400m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites?	The site is more than 1,000m from Bath Pasture SSSI, the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is not considered to have an effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has high potential biodiversity and fairly good connectivity to the wider	-/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (OA031)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	countryside through broadleaved woodland to the north and south west and therefore is attributed ecological value. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m of nine grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of historical heritage assets and their setting. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness?	The site would be more than 1,000m from Bath Pasture SSSI and would not increase external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (OA031)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Oakamoor has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Oakamoor and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,500m to existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects:			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (OA031)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
The proposed delivery of circa 20 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities and areas of existing employment which are likely to have a significant negative effect. The site's proximity to designated and historic assets and the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land are likely to have a negative effect.			

Table 15.262

Rudyard

Potentially suitable sites (5+ dwellings) - within Green Belt

RU016

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (RU016)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a greenfield site outside the development boundary could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage	The site is located on the edge of the village, it is within 400m of the village centre but has insufficient services and facilities to meet the needs of the community. It should be noted that Rudyard does not have a secondary school. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (RU016)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	/ civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? ● Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.		
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	● Help improve health or access to health facilities? ● Help promote healthy lifestyles? ● Help to reduce health inequalities? ● Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. It should be noted that Rudyard does not have a GP surgery. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	● Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? ● Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	● Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? ● Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? ● Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 13 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	● Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? ● Support the use of public transport? ● Support safe walking and cycling? ● Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the village centre of Rudyard as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (RU016)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However, the site is within 400m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is more than 3,000m from Brough Park (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is not considered to have an effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has potential for protected species to be present due to the mosaic of habitats and habitat structure present, especially as the site is well connected to the wider countryside. The site is considered to have ecological value. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (RU016)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	There are no listed assets within 400m of the site. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is limited scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of historical heritage assets and their setting. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be more than 3,000m from Brough Park (LNR) and would not increase external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (RU016)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
		regeneration. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Rudyard has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Rudyard and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,500m to existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 13 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space and location away from historic assets are likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities and areas of existing employment which are likely to have a significant negative effect. The site's proximity to designated assets and the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land are likely to have a negative effect.			

Table 15.263

RU020

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (RU020)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (RU020)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a mixed brownfield and greenfield site outside the development boundary could help to improve the social and environmental quality of the village centre. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village, it is within 400m of the village centre but has insufficient services and facilities to meet the needs of the community. It should be noted that Rudyard does not have a secondary school. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. It should be noted that Rudyard does not have a GP surgery. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 14 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this	++

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (RU020)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the village centre of Rudyard as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However, the site is within 400m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (RU020)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is more than 2,750m from Brough Park (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is not considered to have an effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has potential for protected species to be present due to the mosaic of habitats and habitat structure present, especially as the site is well connected to a lake <500m away. Therefore the site is deemed to have some ecological value. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on mixed brownfield and greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	The development of this brownfield and greenfield site could enable the re-use of existing building. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development could incorporate sustainable materials. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m of one grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of historical heritage assets and their setting. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (RU020)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be more than 2,750m from Brough Park (LNR) and would not increase external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural regeneration. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Rudyard has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Rudyard and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,500m to existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects:			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (RU020)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
The proposed delivery of circa 14 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities and areas of existing employment which are likely to have a significant negative effect. The site's proximity to historic assets, the ecological value of the site and the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land are likely to have a negative effect.			

Table 15.264

Rushton Spencer

Potentially suitable sites (5+ dwellings) - within Infill Boundary

RS005

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (RS005)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a greenfield site within the development boundary could be expected to have an effect on the Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage	The site is located on the edge of the village, it is within 400m of the village centre but has insufficient services and facilities to meet the needs of the community. It should be noted that Rushton Spencer does not have a secondary school. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (RS005)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	/ civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? ● Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.		
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	● Help improve health or access to health facilities? ● Help promote healthy lifestyles? ● Help to reduce health inequalities? ● Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. It should be noted that Rushton Spencer does not have a GP surgery. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	● Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? ● Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	● Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? ● Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? ● Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 7 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	● Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? ● Support the use of public transport? ● Support safe walking and cycling? ● Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the village centre of Rushton Spencer as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (RS005)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However, the site is within 400m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is more than 4,500m from Peak District Moors (South Pennine Moors Phase 1) SPA, the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is not considered to have an effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site generally has poor biodiversity and has poor connectivity to the wider countryside, but despite this is deemed to have some ecological value due to the presence of a potential bat roost within one of the trees. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (RS005)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m of two grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of historical heritage assets and their setting. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be more than 4,500m from Peak District Moors (South Pennine Moors Phase 1) SPA and would not increase external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the South West Peak National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (RS005)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Rushton Spencer has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Rushton Spencer and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,500m to existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 7 dwellings is considered to have a positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities and areas of existing employment which are likely to have a significant negative effect. The site's proximity to historic assets, the ecological value of the site and the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land are likely to have a negative effect.			

Table 15.265

Potentially suitable sites (5+ dwellings) - within Green Belt

RS009

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (RS009)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a greenfield site outside of the development boundary could be expected to have an effect on the Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village, it is within 400m of the village centre but has insufficient services and facilities to meet the needs of the community. It should be noted that Rushton Spencer does not have a secondary school. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. It should be noted that Rushton Spencer does not have a GP surgery. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (RS009)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
		help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 30 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the village centre of Rushton Spencer as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However, the site is within 400m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (RS009)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is more than 4,500m from Peak District Moors (South Pennine Moors Phase 1) SPA, the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is not considered to have an effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has potential to support protected species, though the site is fairly poorly connected to the wider countryside but is considered to have some ecological value. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic	The site is within 400m of five grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of historical heritage assets and their setting. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a	-/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (RS009)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be more than 4,500m from Peak District Moors (South Pennine Moors Phase 1) SPA and would not increase external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the South West Peak National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Rushton Spencer has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Rushton Spencer and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people?	The site is over 1,500m to existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would fail to provide sufficient	--

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (RS009)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 30 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities and areas of existing employment which are likely to have a significant negative effect. The site's proximity to historic assets, the ecological value of the site and the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land are likely to have a negative effect.			

Table 15.266

Potentially suitable sites (5+ dwellings) - outside Infill Boundary

RS007

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (RS007)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a greenfield site outside of the development boundary could be expected to have an effect on the Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender	The site is located on the edge of the village, it is within 400m of the village centre but has insufficient services and facilities to meet the needs of the community. It should be noted that Rushton Spencer does	--

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (RS007)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	not have a secondary school. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. It should be noted that Rushton Spencer does not have a GP surgery. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 26 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the village centre of Rushton Spencer as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (RS007)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However, the site is within 400m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is more than 4,500m from Peak District Moors (South Pennine Moors Phase 1) SPA, the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is not considered to have an effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has potential for protected species to be present due to proximity of the wet habitat communities, under refugia and potentially using the area as a basking opportunity. The site is also well connected to more biodiverse habitats within the wider countryside and overall the site is deemed to have ecological value. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (RS007)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m of four grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of historical heritage assets and their setting. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be more than 4,500m from Peak District Moors (South Pennine Moors Phase 1) SPA and would not increase external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the South West Peak National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (RS007)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Rushton Spencer has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Rushton Spencer and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,500m to existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 26 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities and areas of existing employment which are likely to have a significant negative effect. The site's proximity to historic assets, the ecological importance of the site and the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land are likely to have a negative effect.			

Table 15.267

RS015

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (RS015)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a greenfield site outside of the development boundary could be expected to have an effect on the Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village, it is within 400m of the village centre but has insufficient services and facilities to meet the needs of the community. It should be noted that Rushton Spencer does not have a secondary school. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. It should be noted that Rushton Spencer does not have a GP surgery. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (RS015)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 12 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the village centre of Rushton Spencer as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However, the site is within 400m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (RS015)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?		
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is more than 4,500m from Peak District Moors (South Pennine Moors Phase 1) SPA, the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is not considered to have an effect on this asset. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and	The site is within 400m of four grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of historical heritage assets and their setting. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (RS015)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?		
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be more than 4,500m from Peak District Moors (South Pennine Moors Phase 1) SPA and would not increase external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the South West Peak National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Rushton Spencer has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Rushton Spencer and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,500m to existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (RS015)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 12 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities and areas of existing employment which are likely to have a significant negative effect. The site's proximity to historic assets, the ecological value of the site and the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land are likely to have a negative effect.			

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15.5.4 Smaller villages: Stockton Brook to Whiston and other areas

Stockton Brook

Potentially suitable sites (5+ dwellings) - within the Green Belt

SB014

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (SB014)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a greenfield site outside of the development boundary could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village, it is within 400m of the village centre but has insufficient services and facilities to meet the needs of the community. It should be noted that Stockton Brook does not have a primary or secondary school. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. It should be noted that Stockton Brook does not have a GP surgery.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (SB014)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 10 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the village centre of Stockton Brook as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However, the site is within 400m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (SB014)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is more than 2,000m from Bagnall Road Wood (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is not considered to have an effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has mostly low biodiversity value overall in terms of area, is adjacent to a main road with buildings to the west and species poor grasslands, with fairly good connectivity to the wider countryside. The site is deemed to have some ecological value for both its woodland assemblage and two trees with potential to support roosting bats. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (SB014)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	There are no listed assets within 400m of the site. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is limited scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of historical heritage assets and their setting. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be more than 2,000m from Bagnall Road Wood (LNR) and would not increase external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Stockton Brook has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Stockton Brook and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (SB014)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,500m to existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 10 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space and location away from historic assets are likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities and areas of existing employment which are likely to have a significant negative effect. The site's ecological importance and the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land are likely to have a negative effect.			

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SB016

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (SB016)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (SB016)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a greenfield site outside of the development boundary could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village, it is within 400m of the village centre but has insufficient services and facilities to meet the needs of the community. It should be noted that Stockton Brook does not have a primary or secondary school. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. It should be noted that Stockton Brook does not have a GP surgery. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 15 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (SB016)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?		
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the village centre of Stockton Brook as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However, the site is within 400m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (SB016)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? ● Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?		
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	● Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? ● Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? ● Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is more than 1,750m from Bagnall Road Wood (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is not considered to have an effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has potential for protected species to be present due to proximity of ponds, Caldon Canal, and wetland habitat mosaic. The site is also well connected to more biodiverse habitats and the wider countryside. The site is therefore deemed to have some ecological value. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	● Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? ● Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? ● Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? ● Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? ● Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	● Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? ● Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? ● Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	● Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? ● Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns	The site is within 400m of five grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of historical heritage assets and their setting. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (SB016)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?		
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be more than 1,750m from Bagnall Road Wood (LNR) and would not increase external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Stockton Brook has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Stockton Brook and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (SB016)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,500m to existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 15 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities and areas of existing employment which are likely to have a significant negative effect. The site's proximity to historic assets, ecological value and the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land are likely to have a negative effect.			

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ADD08

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (ADD08)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	SOCIAL		
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a greenfield site outside of the development boundary could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (ADD08)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village, it is within 400m of the village centre but has insufficient services and facilities to meet the needs of the community. It should be noted that Stockton Brook does not have a primary or secondary school. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. It should be noted that Stockton Brook does not have a GP surgery. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 40 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the village centre of Stockton Brook as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (ADD08)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However, the site is within 400m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is within 2,000m from Bagnall Road Wood (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is not considered to have an effect on this asset. This site has not been subject to an ecology survey, so the exact effects are uncertain. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (ADD08)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m of five grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of historical heritage assets and their setting. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would within 2,000m from Bagnall Road Wood (LNR) and would not increase external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (ADD08)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Stockton Brook has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Stockton Brook and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,500m to existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 40 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space and location away from designated assets are likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities and areas of existing employment which are likely to have a significant negative effect. The site's proximity to historic assets and ecological value are likely to have a negative effect.			

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Whiston

Potentially suitable sites (5+ dwellings) - outside the infill boundary

WH002

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WH002)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	SOCIAL		
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure?	The development of this site, a mixed brownfield and greenfield site outside of the development boundary could help to improve the social and environmental quality of the village centre. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village, it is within 400m of the village centre but has insufficient services and facilities to meet the needs of the community. It should be noted that Whiston does not have a primary or secondary school. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. It should be noted that Whiston does not have a GP surgery. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WH002)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
		to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 10 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the village centre of Whiston as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However, the site is within 400m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WH002)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is within 500m from Churnet Valley SSSI, the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have an effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has high potential biodiversity and fairly good connectivity to the wider countryside through the broadleaved woodland to the north. Therefore the site is attributed ecological value. The site may have potential to qualify for SBI status. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on mixed brownfield and greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	The development of this brownfield site could enable the re-use of existing buildings within the village. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development could incorporate sustainable materials. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural	The site is within 50m of one grade II listed asset and within 400m of six grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the	--/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WH002)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
archaeological assets along with their settings.	and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	deterioration of historical heritage assets and their setting. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site is within 500m from Churnet Valley SSSI and could increase external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Whiston has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Whiston and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WH002)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 500m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 10 dwellings and proximity to areas of existing employment is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities which is likely to have a significant negative effect, as could the site's proximity to designated and historic assets.			

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WH009A

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WH009A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a greenfield site outside of the development boundary could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WH009A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village, it is within 400m of the village centre but has insufficient services and facilities to meet the needs of the community. It should be noted that Whiston does not have a primary or secondary school. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. It should be noted that Whiston does not have a GP surgery. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 15 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the village centre of Whiston as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WH009A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However, the site is within 400m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is within 600m from Churnet Valley SSSI and Whiston Eaves SSSI, the nearest designated assets, and, as such, is considered to have an effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has mostly low biodiversity value overall in terms of area, is adjacent to a main road to the west and species poor grasslands but does have fairly good connectivity to the wider countryside through networks of hedgerows. Overall the site is attributed low ecological value due to the lack of potential to support protected species. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WH009A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m of six grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of historical heritage assets and their setting. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site is within 600m from Churnet Valley SSSI and Whiston Eaves SSSI and could increase external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WH009A)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Whiston has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Whiston and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 500m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 15 dwellings and proximity to areas of existing employment is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities which is likely to have a significant negative effect. The site's proximity to designated and historic assets and the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land are likely to have a negative effect.			

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WH015

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WH015)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WH015)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a greenfield site outside of the development boundary could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village, it is within 400m of the village centre but has insufficient services and facilities to meet the needs of the community. It should be noted that Whiston does not have a primary or secondary school. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. It should be noted that Whiston does not have a GP surgery. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 6 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WH015)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?		
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the village centre of Whiston as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However, the site is within 400m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WH015)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is within 750m from Churnet Valley SSSI, Froghall Meadow and Pastures SSSI and Whiston Eaves SSSI, the nearest designated assets, and, as such, is considered to have an effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has mostly low biodiversity value overall in terms of area, is adjacent to a road to the west and buildings to the north and species poor grasslands but has good connectivity to the wider countryside through networks of hedgerows. The site also has low potential to support protected species therefore has been attributed low ecological value. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m of six grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of historical heritage assets and their setting. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WH015)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site is within 750m from Churnet Valley SSSI, Froghall Meadow and Pastures SSSI and Whiston Eaves SSSI and could increase external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Whiston has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Whiston and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 500m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects:			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WH015)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
The site's proximity to areas of existing employment is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space and the proposed delivery of circa 6 dwellings are likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities is likely to have a significant negative effect. The site's proximity to designated and historic assets and the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land are likely to have a negative effect.			

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WH016

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WH016)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a greenfield site outside of the development boundary could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village, it is within 400m of the village centre but has insufficient services and facilities to meet the needs of the community. It should be noted that Whiston does not have a primary or secondary school. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WH016)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	lifestyles. It should be noted that Whiston does not have a GP surgery. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 6 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the village centre of Whiston as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However, the site is within 400m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WH016)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is within 500m from Churnet Valley SSSI, the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have an effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has a mosaic of habitats contained within an area of garden and derelict garden with good connectivity to other more biodiverse habitats, therefore the site has been attributed some ecological value. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WH016)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m of seven grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of historical heritage assets and their setting. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site is within 500m from Churnet Valley SSSI and could increase external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Whiston has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Whiston and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WH016)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 500m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The site's proximity to areas of existing employment is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space and the proposed delivery of circa 6 dwellings are likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities which is likely to have a significant negative effect. The site's proximity to designated and historic assets and the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land are likely to have a negative effect.			

Table 15.275

WH018

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WH018)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure?	The development of this site, a greenfield site outside of the development boundary could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by	The site is located on the edge of the village, it is within 400m of the village centre but has insufficient services and facilities to meet the	--

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WH018)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? ● Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	needs of the community. It should be noted that Whiston does not have a primary or secondary school. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	● Help improve health or access to health facilities? ● Help promote healthy lifestyles? ● Help to reduce health inequalities? ● Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. It should be noted that Whiston does not have a GP surgery. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	● Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? ● Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	● Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? ● Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? ● Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 5 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	● Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? ● Support the use of public transport? ● Support safe walking and cycling? ● Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the village centre of Whiston as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WH018)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However, the site is within 400m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is within 600m from Churnet Valley SSSI and Whiston Eaves SSSI, the nearest designated assets, and, as such, is considered to have an effect on this asset. This site has not been subject to an ecology survey, so the exact effects are uncertain. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WH018)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m of five grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of historical heritage assets and their setting. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site is within 600m from Churnet Valley SSSI and Whiston Eaves SSSI and could increase external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WH018)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Whiston has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Whiston and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 500m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The site's proximity to areas of existing employment is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space and the proposed delivery of circa 5 dwellings are likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities which is likely to have a significant negative effect. The site's proximity to designated and historic assets and the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land are likely to have a negative effect.			

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Other Areas

Potentially suitable sites (5+ dwellings) - within Green Belt

OC003

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (OC003)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure?	The development of this site, a brownfield site outside of the development boundary could hep to improve the social and environmental quality of the village centre. However, the site is remote from other settlements. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village, it is within 1,200m of the village centre of Hulme which has insufficient services and facilities to meet the needs of the community. It should be noted that Hulme does not have a primary or secondary school. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. It should be noted that Hulme does not have a GP surgery. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (OC003)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 6 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 1,200m of the village centre of Hulme as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 1,000m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. Similarly, the site is more than 1,200m from the village centre and could increase the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (OC003)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is within 600m of Hulme Quarry SSSI, the nearest designated assets, and, as such, is considered to have an effect on this asset. This site has not been subject to an ecology survey, so the exact effects are uncertain. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on brownfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	The development of this brownfield site could enable the re-use of existing buildings within the village. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development could incorporate sustainable materials. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural	The site is within 400m of one grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of historical heritage assets and	-/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (OC003)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
archaeological assets along with their settings.	and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	their setting. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site is within 600m of Hulme Quarry SSSI and could increase external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Hulme has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Hulme and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (OC003)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,500m to existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The development of brownfield, grade 4 ALC land is considered to have a positive effect, as could the site's accessibility to areas of open space and the proposed delivery of circa 6 dwellings. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities and areas of existing employment which are likely to have a significant negative effect. The site's proximity to designated and historic assets are likely to have a negative effect.			

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Potentially suitable sites (5+ dwellings) - outside Infill Boundary

OC055

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (OC055)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure?	The site is on the edge of Cresswell and is outside of the infill boundary. The development of this site a greenfield site, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (OC055)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?		
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located within 800m of the village centre of Cresswell which has insufficient services and facilities to meet the needs of the community. It should be noted that Creswell does not have a primary or secondary school. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide employees with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. It should be noted that Cresswell does not have a GP surgery. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	This site has been proposed for employment uses with regards to this assessment. Therefore the development would provide no housing. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion?	As noted previously, the site is within 800m of the village centre of Creswell and adjacent to the open countryside which should reduce the need to travel within the town. Similarly, the site is within 500m	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (OC055)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However, the site is within 800m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	Part of the site is located within flood zone 3. The development of this site could lead to an increase in waste water and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites?	The site is more than 5,000m from Barlaston and Rough Close Common (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have no effect on this asset. This site has not been subject to an ecology survey, so the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (OC055)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is more than 400m away from a listed asset. Although dependent on proposal specific information, there is limited scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of this historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness?	The site would avoid development within 5,000m of protected sites and would reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there would be scope for effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Needwood and South	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (OC055)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	Derbyshire Clalyands National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed employment use of this site provides scope for the development of this site to have a positive effect on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district, however this is dependent on proposal specific information. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of an employment site within the village centre has the scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Cresswell and the wider District, as new employment could be expected to increase footfall in the nearby village centre. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this objective.	++
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The proposed development of an employment site within the village centre has the scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Cresswell and the wider District, as new employment could be expected to increase footfall in the nearby village centre. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this objective.	++
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is proximity to areas of existing local employment provision as well as new employment provision generated by this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this objective.	++
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects:			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (OC055)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
The development of new employment premises should have a significant positive effect upon the vitality and viability of the District, strengthen economic growth and support a higher level of employment within the District. Similarly, the site is located away from designated and historic assets. However, the site is inaccessible to services and facilities, is partially within a flood zone which are both assessed to have a significant negative effect. The development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is considered to have a negative effect.			

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15.6 Gypsy and Traveller sites TR001-TR016

TR001: Land south of Uttoxeter Road, Blythe Bridge (BB021)

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR001)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this approx 1ha site is considered large enough to provide for adequate on site facilities for parking, storage, play and residential amenity. Some industrial uses to SE/builders merchants to NW/ railway line to SW and housing to N and E. But site large enough to accommodate buffers as necessary, including from road (and also amenity internally between pitches). Site well screened from outside given surrounding uses. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective	++
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located in the centre of the village, it is within 400m of the village centre and the range of services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective residents of the site. The site is in proximity to Blythe Bridge High School and Sixth Form. It should be noted that the current supply of educational and community services and facilities is currently exceeding demand and is expected to do so for the foreseeable future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 400m of a GP surgery. It should be noted that the current supply of health care services and facilities is currently exceeding demand and is expected to do so for the foreseeable future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	++

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR001)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information, consequently this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	The site has the potential to bring forward a minimum of 8 pitches and meet the identified housing needs of the Gypsy and Traveller communities. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	The site is within 400m of the village centre of Blythe Bridge and Forsbrook as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop and train station. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	++
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	Dealing with climate change is a wide ranging policy challenge cutting across all parts of society and SA objectives. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral impact on this Objective.	0
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk?	That part of the site located within a flood zone 2 and 3 area has been excluded, but there may be some remaining flood risk. The	--/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR001)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. The development could also be expected to lead to an increase in water demand within the District. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is more than 3,000m from Barlaston and Rough Close Common (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have no effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site as a whole contains a fairly diverse mosaic of wet grassland, riparian habitat, unmanaged semi-improved grassland and pockets of willow scrub, adjacent to a large pond, which could potentially support populations of amphibians, reptiles, raptors, owls, ground nesting birds and foraging bats. It is also deemed that the site could potentially qualify as an SBI for its potential floral diversity. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as non-agricultural land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR001)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is more than 600m from a listed asset. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is limited scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	0/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be more than 3,000m of Barlaston and Rough Close Common (LNR). Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be no effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The site could deliver a minimum of 8 pitches and with good access to the village centre of Blythe Bridge and Forsbrook has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Blythe Bridge and Forsbrook and the wider District, since new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The site could deliver a minimum of 8 pitches however the opportunities for direct economic benefits would be limited. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR001)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 500m of an existing area of employment within the village or District which could provide accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The site has the potential to bring forward a minimum of 8 pitches and meet the identified housing needs of the Gypsy and Traveller communities and this is considered to have a significant positive effect, as is the accessibility of the site to services and facilities and public transport. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of existing employment is likely to have a positive effect, as could the site's location away from historic assets. The development of this approx 1ha site is considered large enough to provide for adequate on site facilities for parking, storage, play and residential amenity. However, there is scope that the site could be designated SBI land which would have a significant negative effect and there may be some remaining flood risk which is also likely to have a negative effect.			

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TR002: Land at 459 Uttoxeter Road, Blythe Bridge (BB087)

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR002)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this approx 0.5ha site is considered large enough to provide for adequate on site facilities for parking, storage, play and residential amenity. Storage building adjacent to SW (SMD/2014/0342) approved as dwelling. Some other dwellings further west on Uttoxeter Road. But site large enough to accommodate buffers as necessary, including from road (and also amenity internally between pitches). Site is well screened from roadside. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR002)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village, it is within 800m of the village centre and the range of services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective residents of the site. It should be noted that the current supply of educational and community services and facilities is currently exceeding demand and is expected to do so for the foreseeable future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 800m of a GP surgery. It should be noted that the current supply of health care services and facilities is currently exceeding demand and is expected to do so for the foreseeable future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information, consequently this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	The site has the potential to bring forward a minimum of 8 pitches and meet the identified housing needs of the Gypsy and Traveller communities. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 800m of the village centre of Blythe Bridge and Forsbrook as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop and 1,000m of a train station. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR002)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	Dealing with climate change is a wide ranging policy challenge cutting across all parts of society and SA objectives. However the site is within 800m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral impact on this Objective.	0
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of a brownfield site could lead to an increase in wastewater, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. The development could also be expected to lead to increased water demand within the District. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this objective, although the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is more than 3,500m from Barlaston and Rough Close Common (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have no effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site consists of a working yard and its associated buildings with 76% of the site being hard standing. The remaining habitats present on site are particularly common in the UK and have low biodiversity value. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	0/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on previously developed land so development of this site would not result in the	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR002)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 50m of one grade II listed asset. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the historical heritage assets and its setting. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be more than 3,500m of Barlaston and Rough Close Common (LNR). Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR002)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The site could deliver a minimum of 8 pitches and with good access to the village centre of Blythe Bridge and Forsbrook has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Blythe Bridge and Forsbrook and the wider District, since new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The site could deliver a minimum of 8 pitches however the opportunities for direct economic benefits would be limited. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 500m of existing areas of employment within the village or District would could provide accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The site has the potential to bring forward a minimum of 8 pitches and meet the identified housing needs of the Gypsy and Traveller communities and this is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services and facilities is likely to have a positive effect as is the use of a plot currently given to hard-standing. The development of this approx 0.5ha site is considered large enough to provide for adequate on site facilities for parking, storage, play and residential amenity. However, the site's proximity to historic assets is likely to have a negative effect.			

Table 15.280

TR003: Chandni Cottage / Roadhouse cafe, Draycott Road, Blythe Bridge

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR003)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR003)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this approx 0.1ha site is considered large enough to provide for adequate on site facilities for parking, storage, play and residential amenity, although careful layout and design would need to be considered due to small site size. Site is adjacent to car repairs garage. Nearest dwelling approx 50m to east. Other dwellings to west are further away. Small site, limited opportunity to accommodate buffers, including from busy A521. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village, it is around 1km of the village centre and the range of services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective residents of the site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 1km of a GP surgery. It should be noted that the current supply of health care services and facilities is currently exceeding demand and is expected to do so for the foreseeable future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information, consequently this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met?	The site has the potential to bring forward approximately 6 pitches and contribute towards meeting the identified housing needs of the Gypsy and Traveller communities. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR003)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?		
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 1km of the village centre of Blythe Bridge and Forsbrook which should reduce the need to travel. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop and 1,500m of a train station. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	Dealing with climate change is a wide ranging policy challenge cutting across all parts of society and SA objectives. However the site is within 800m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral impact on this Objective.	0
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of a brownfield site could lead to an increase in wastewater, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. The development could also be expected to lead to increased water demand within the District. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this objective, although the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR003)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is more than 3,500m from Barlaston and Rough Close Common (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have no effect on this asset. The site is considered to have low biodiversity value. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	0/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on previously developed land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	Use of this site may entail loss of a two storey building. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 200m of one grade II listed asset. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is low risk that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of historical heritage assets or their settings. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	0/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness?	The site would be more than 3,500m of Barlaston and Rough Close Common (LNR). Given the location of the site, it is considered that	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR003)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
and other natural assets and resources.	• Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	impacts on landscape character could be avoided. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The site could deliver approximately 6 pitches and with good access to the village centre of Blythe Bridge and Forsbrook has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Blythe Bridge and Forsbrook and the wider District, since new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The site could deliver approximately 6 pitches however the opportunities for direct economic benefits would be limited. The site includes a cafe / restaurant, the loss of which may displace an existing business. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 1km of existing areas of employment within the village or District would could provide accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects:			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR003)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
The site has the potential to bring forward approximately 6 pitches and make a contribution towards meeting the identified housing needs of the Gypsy and Traveller communities and this is considered to have a positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services and facilities is likely to have a positive effect as is the use of a previously developed plot, although it may entail the loss of an existing building. The development of this approx 0.1ha site is considered sufficient to provide for adequate on site facilities for parking, storage, play and residential amenity. However the potential displacement of a business and the site's proximity to historic assets are likely to have negative effects.			

Table 15.281

TR004: Disused premises north of Knights of Cheadle / south of A T Moss, off the Green / Dilhorne Road, Cheadle (CH020)

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR004)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this approx 0.5ha site is considered large enough to provide for adequate on site facilities for parking, storage, play and residential amenity. The site is mixed brownfield and greenfield and is largely surrounded by development on all four sides. The site is considered large enough to accommodate buffering in design layout, including internally between pitches, and from the main road to the south. It is not generally visible from the road and includes established foliage, in particular between dwellings on the west (Brookhouse Road) and along the eastern side. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located within the settlement boundary and is within 800m of the town centre and the wide range of key services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective residents of the site. It should be noted that the supply of community facilities and services is currently adequate but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR004)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to the open countryside and help to support healthy lifestyles. However, the site is more than 1,200m from a GP surgery. It should be noted that supply for health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and this is expected to worsen in the future without additional investment. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information, consequently this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	The site has the potential to bring forward 6 - 8 pitches and meet the identified housing needs of the Gypsy and Traveller communities. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 800m of the town centre of Cheadle and in proximity to the open countryside which should reduce the need to travel within the town. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	Dealing with climate change is a wide ranging policy challenge cutting across all parts of society and SA objectives. However the site is within 800m of the town centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR004)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	Part of the site is located within a flood zone 3 area and, as such, it can be considered that the site would be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this objective.	--
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is over 1,500m from Cecilly Brook (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have no effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site itself has one building that is deemed to have potential to support roosting bats, noxious weeds and a range of 'brownfield' habitats albeit fairly species poor in terms of floral diversity. However the fairly large size of the site and the potential to support protected species warrants it being attributed some ecological value. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on brownfield and greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR004)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	Use of the site may entail the loss of a building. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is circa 600m away from a grade II historical heritage asset. Although dependent on proposal specific information, there is limited scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of this historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	0/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and would reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there would be scope for effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district. However, the increased population of both the town and District may have a positive effect. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural regeneration. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The site could deliver 6 - 8 pitches and with good access to the town centre of Cheadle has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Cheadle and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR004)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The site could deliver 6 - 8 pitches however the opportunities for direct economic benefits would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 500m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The site has the potential to bring forward 6 - 8 pitches and meet the identified housing needs of the Gypsy and Traveller communities and this is considered to have a significant positive effect, as is the site's proximity to areas of existing employment. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services and facilities is likely to have a positive effect, as could its location away from historic assets. The development of this approx 0.5ha site is considered large enough to provide for adequate on site facilities for parking, storage, play and residential amenity. However, the site is partly within a flood zone which is likely to have a significant negative effect. The potential ecological value of the site is also likely to have a negative effect.			

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TR005: Checkley Rose Cottage

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR005)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure?	The development of this approx 0.08ha site is not considered large enough to provide for adequate on site facilities for parking, storage, play and residential amenity. There are a number of dwellings within 50m of the site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR005)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?		
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site lies approx 650m from First School/playing fields (Checkley); 500m from Primary School (Upper Tean, via rights of way); another is about 1km (Upper Tean). Village Halls within 500m - 650m. Medical centre and shops in Upper Tean approx 2270m away. Further facilities and shops in Cheadle centre under 6km away. Churches/chapels at Fole/Lower Tean/Checkley/Upper Tean; pubs at Checkley/Lower Tean/Upper Tean. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to the open countryside and help to support healthy lifestyles. However, the site is more than 2km from a GP surgery. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information, consequently this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	The site has the potential to bring forward 3 pitches and contribute towards meeting the identified housing needs of the Gypsy and Traveller communities. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 1km of a town or village centre which should reduce the need to travel. The site is on the 32 bus route (Hanley - Uttoxeter), with an hourly or better service and a bus stop is within 500m of the site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR005)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	Dealing with climate change is a wide ranging policy challenge cutting across all parts of society and SA objectives. However the site is within 1km of the town/ village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	Use of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/i
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	There are no known biodiversity constraints. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	0/i
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land?	The site is not in current agricultural use so development for residential pitches is not expected to result in the loss of best and most versatile agricultural land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR005)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?		
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	Development of the site for pitches would not enable any re-use of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	Although dependent on proposal specific information, there is limited scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of any heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	0/i
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	Proposal specific information is required to assess any impact on landscape character. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective, although the exact effects are uncertain.	0/i
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the wider district. However, the increased population of the District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR005)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The site could deliver approximately 3 pitches and with good access to a town / village centre has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality of the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The site could deliver 3 pitches however the opportunities for direct economic benefits would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 1km of existing areas of employment within the District and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The site has the potential to bring forward 3 pitches and contribute to meeting the identified housing needs of the Gypsy and Traveller communities and this is considered to have a positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services and facilities is likely to have a positive effect, as could its location away from historic assets. However the development of this approx 0.08ha site is not considered large enough to provide for adequate on site facilities for parking, storage, play and residential amenity and this is likely to have a significant negative effect.			

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TR006: Cresswell former Railway Station

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR006)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion?	The development of this approx 0.25ha site is considered large enough to provide for adequate on site facilities for parking, storage, play and residential amenity. However the site runs	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR006)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	adjacent to the regularly used Stoke to Derby railway line and careful consideration would be required regarding the achievement of British Noise Standards and whether any on site sound attenuation measures would be required. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site lies close to bus stops along route 12 (Fulford - Longton - Stone), with less than an hourly service. There is a Business Park around 100m to the south; a pub 80m to north; a church under 300m to the east; a cricket club under 300m north; leisure centre / playing fields under 700m north. Draycott Village Hall (and church) are under 1200m north. There are a range of shops, and facilities in Blythe Bridge centre under 3.2km away. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to the open countryside and help to support healthy lifestyles. However, the site is more than 2km from a GP surgery. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information, consequently this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	The site has the potential to bring forward 6 - 8 pitches and contribute towards meeting the identified housing needs of the Gypsy and Traveller communities. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR006)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is around 3km of a town or village centre which should have a limited role in helping to reduce the need to travel. The site is on bus route 12 (Fulford - Longton - Stone), with less than an hourly service. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	Dealing with climate change is a wide ranging policy challenge cutting across all parts of society and SA objectives. However the site is within 3km of the town/ village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective	0
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	Use of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites?	There are no known biodiversity constraints. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	0/i

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR006)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?		
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	The site is not in current agricultural use so development for pitches is not expected to result in the loss of best and most versatile agricultural land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	Development of the site for pitches would not enable any re-use of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	There is a listed church cemetery within around 150m to the east of the site. Although dependent on proposal specific information, there is limited scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	0/i
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness?	Proposal specific information is required to assess any impact on landscape character. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective, although the exact effects are uncertain.	0/i

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR006)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?		
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the wider district. However, the increased population of the District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The site could deliver 6 - 8 pitches and with access to a town / village centre has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality of the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The site could deliver 6 - 8 pitches however the opportunities for direct economic benefits would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 100m of existing areas of employment within the District and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects:			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR006)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
The site has the potential to bring forward 6 - 8 pitches (although this may be reduced following consideration of set off distances from the railway line and roads) and contribute to meeting the identified housing needs of the Gypsy and Traveller communities and this is considered to have a positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services and facilities, and in particular to areas of existing employment, is likely to have a positive effect. The development of this approx 0.25ha site is considered large enough to provide for adequate on site facilities for parking, storage, play and residential amenity however as the site runs adjacent to the regularly used Stoke to Derby railway line, on-site sound attenuation measures may be required. The site's proximity to historic assets is likely to have a negative effect.			

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TR007: Fole Dairy, Uttoxeter Road, Fole

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR007)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this approx 2ha site is considered large enough to provide for adequate on site facilities for parking, storage, play and residential amenity. Some existing housing is located within 20-30m of the boundary to the north of the site, however the site is well screened. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is adjacent to a Chapel. Further churches are at Checkley / Lower Tean /Upper Tean. First School / playing fields are under 1.5km to the west in Checkley; primary schools are in Upper Tean approx 3.9 - 4.4km away (via public rights of way). The village centre of Upper Tean with shops and facilities is also within around 4km. There are pubs at Checkley and Lower Tean. The site sits on the 32 bus route (Hanley - Uttoxeter), with an hourly or better service. There are bus stops near the site. In addition there are a range of shops and facilities in Uttoxeter centre within 6km. Overall,	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR007)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
		this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to the open countryside and help to support healthy lifestyles. However, the site is more than 2km from a GP surgery. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information, consequently this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	The site has the potential to bring forward a minimum of 8 pitches and meet the identified housing needs of the Gypsy and Traveller communities. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is around 4km of a town or village centre which should have a limited role in helping to reduce the need to travel. The site is on the 32 bus route (Hanley - Uttoxeter), with an hourly or better service. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	Dealing with climate change is a wide ranging policy challenge cutting across all parts of society and SA objectives. However the site is on a bus route and this may help to reduce the need to travel by car. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR007)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	The southern edge of the site is in flood zone 3 and is likely to be affected to some degree by flood risk. Use of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/i
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	There are no known biodiversity constraints however there is potential for bird nesting on site and for the existing building to support roosting bats. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	0/i
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	The site is an established "industrial" dairy premises in countryside consisting of largely hard standed areas within premises. Since the site is not in current agricultural use, development for pitches is not expected to result in the loss of best and most versatile agricultural land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation?	Development of the site for pitches would not enable any re-use of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR007)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	could use sustainable materials. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	There are listed buildings across the road, to the north and east; however the site is heavily screened. Although dependent on proposal specific information, there is limited scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/i
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	Proposal specific information is required to assess any impact on landscape character. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective, although the exact effects are uncertain.	0/i
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the wider district. However, the increased population of the District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The site could deliver a minimum of 8 pitches and with access to a town / village centre has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality of the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR007)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The site could deliver a minimum of 8 pitches, however the opportunities for direct economic benefits would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 2km from existing areas of employment within the District and, as such, would not provide readily accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The site has the potential to bring forward a minimum of 8 pitches meeting the identified housing needs of the Gypsy and Traveller communities and this is considered to have a significant positive effect. The development of this approx 2ha site is considered large enough to provide for adequate on site facilities for parking, storage, play and residential amenity. However the southern edge of the site is in flood zone 3 and the site is likely to be affected to some degree by flood risk, this is likely to have a significant negative effect. Similarly the site's inaccessibility to services and facilities, including areas of existing employment, is also likely to have a negative effect, as is the site's proximity to historic assets.			

Table 15.285

TR008: Farm buildings / land west of 75 Uttoxeter Road , Blythe Bridge

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR008)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure?	The development of this approx 0.7ha site is considered large enough to provide for adequate on site facilities for parking, storage, play and residential amenity. Given the scale of site, it is considered large enough to accommodate buffering in design layout, including internally between pitches, and from the main road to the south. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR008)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?		
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is across the road from local shops. The Meir Park retail area is within 900m; Blythe Bridge centre with shops and facilities including a library is within1.3km. A primary school is 800m to the south-east; a high school with sixth form, a library and two further primary schools are within 2km to the east. Blythe Bridge railway station and a medical centre are within 1km. The site is within 500m of a bus stop. Bus service 6A between Blythe Bridge, Longton and Hanley passes the site every 20 minutes. Additional journeys on route 31 operate past the site every 2 hours between Cheadle, Blythe Bridge, Longton and Hanley. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to the open countryside and help to support healthy lifestyles. The site is within 1km of a GP surgery. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information, consequently this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	The site has the potential to bring forward a minimum of 8 pitches and meet the identified housing needs of the Gypsy and Traveller communities. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion?	As noted previously, the site is within 1km of a town or village centre which may help to reduce the need to travel. Bus service	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR008)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	6A between Blythe Bridge, Longton and Hanley passes the site every 20 minutes. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	Dealing with climate change is a wide ranging policy challenge cutting across all parts of society and SA objectives. However the site is on a bus route and this may help to reduce the need to travel by car. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective	0
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	Use of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/i
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	There are no known biodiversity constraints. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	0/i

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR008)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	Whilst this site has been assessed as being greenfield, the land has also been assessed as non-agricultural land so development for pitches is not expected to result in the loss of best and most versatile agricultural land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	Development of the site for pitches would not enable any re-use of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	Although dependent on proposal specific information, there is limited scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	0/i
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	This is a greenfield site within the Green Belt and further assessment is required to identify any impact on landscape character. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, although the exact effects are uncertain.	-/i

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR008)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the wider district. However, the increased population of the District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The site could deliver a minimum of 8 pitches and with access to a town / village centre has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality of the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The site could deliver a minimum of 8 pitches, however the opportunities for direct economic benefits would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is around 1km from existing areas of employment within the District and, as such, could provide accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The site has the potential to bring forward a minimum of 8 pitches meeting the identified housing needs of the Gypsy and Traveller communities and this is considered to have a significant positive effect. The development of this approx 0.7ha site is considered large enough to provide for adequate on site facilities for parking, storage, play and residential amenity. The accessibility of the site to services and facilities, including areas of existing employment and public transport is likely to have a positive effect. However the location of this greenfield site within the Green Belt requires further assessment to identify any impact on landscape character.			

Table 15.286

TR009: Crown Inn premises, Tean Road, Mobberley, Cheadle

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR009)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this approx 0.16ha site is not considered large enough to provide for adequate on site facilities for parking, storage, play and residential amenity. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is within 1.3km of two minimarkets, a pub, sports fields, and vets at Cheadle. An industrial estate is immediately adjacent to the site. Two pubs are within 1km on the approach to Upper Tean and a village hall and church are within 1.4km at Freehay. Cheadle centre has a range of facilities, including hospital, medical centre, primary / secondary / sixth form schools all within 2.4km. Upper Tean centre with shops, a medical centre, playing fields is within 1.8km. Two further primary schools are within 2.3km at Upper Tean. The site is on the 32 bus route (Hanley - Uttoxeter), with an hourly service or better; a bus stop is within 500m of the site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to the open countryside and help to support healthy lifestyles. The site is within 2km of a GP surgery. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information, consequently this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR009)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	The site has the potential to bring forward 3 -4 pitches and contribute to meeting the identified housing needs of the Gypsy and Traveller communities. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 2km of a town or village centre which may help to reduce the need to travel. The site is on the 32 bus route (Hanley - Uttoxeter), with an hourly service or better. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	Dealing with climate change is a wide ranging policy challenge cutting across all parts of society and SA objectives. However the site is on a bus route and this may help to reduce the need to travel by car. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective	0
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs?	Use of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/i

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR009)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?		
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	There are no known biodiversity constraints however the existing building may support roosting bats and / or breeding birds. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	0/i
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	The site is a pub and hard standed parking so development for pitches is not expected to result in the loss of best and most versatile agricultural land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	Development of the site for pitches would not enable any re-use of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and	Although dependent on proposal specific information, there is limited scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	0/i

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR009)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?		
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	Proposal specific information is required to assess any impact on landscape character. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective, although the exact effects are uncertain.	0/i
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the wider district. However, the increased population of the District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The site could deliver 3 - 4 pitches and with access to a town / village centre has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality of the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The site could deliver 3 - 4 pitches, however the opportunities for direct economic benefits would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is adjacent to an industrial estate that could provide accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects:			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR009)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
The site has the potential to bring forward 3 - 4 pitches, making a contribution to meeting the identified housing needs of the Gypsy and Traveller communities and this is considered to have a positive effect. The accessibility of the site to services and facilities, including areas of existing employment and public transport is likely to have a positive effect. However the development of this approx 0.16ha site is not considered large enough to provide for adequate on site facilities for parking, storage, play and residential amenity.			

Table 15.287

TR010: Waggon and Horses Pub premises, Leek Road, Kingsley Moor

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR010)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this approx 0.2ha site is considered large enough to provide for adequate on site facilities for parking, storage, play and residential amenity. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is adjacent to a petrol station (shop) and furniture shop. There are a range of facilities including a hospital and medical centre in Cheadle centre within 5km. Cheadle also offers primary / secondary / sixth form schools and playing fields. In addition there is a primary school with playing fields and a village hall in Kingsley within 3km. Werrington High School, and some facilities at Cellarhead are within 4km; Werrington centre is within 5.5km. The site is on the 32 bus route (Hanley - Uttoxeter) with an hourly service or better. A bus stop is within 500m of the site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR010)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to the open countryside and help to support healthy lifestyles. The site is within 5km of a GP surgery. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information, consequently this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	The site has the potential to bring forward 6 - 8 pitches and contribute to meeting the identified housing needs of the Gypsy and Traveller communities. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 5km of a town or village centre which may limit the contribution it can make to reducing the need to travel. The site is on the 32 bus route (Hanley - Uttoxeter), with an hourly service or better. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	Dealing with climate change is a wide ranging policy challenge cutting across all parts of society and SA objectives. However the site is on a bus route and this may help to reduce the need to travel by car. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR010)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	Use of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/i
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	There are no known biodiversity constraints however the existing building may support roosting bats and / or breeding birds. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	0/i
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	The site is brownfield, mostly comprising hard standing with a single two-storey building so development for pitches is not expected to result in the loss of best and most versatile agricultural land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation?	Development of the site for pitches may not enable any re-use of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR010)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	could use sustainable materials. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	Although dependent on proposal specific information, there is limited scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	0/i
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	This is a brownfield site within the Green Belt and further assessment is required to identify any impact on landscape character. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, although the exact effects are uncertain.	-/i
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the wider district. However, the increased population of the District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The site could deliver 6 - 8 pitches but lacks good access to a town / village centre, however there is some scope to have a positive effect on the vitality of the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR010)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The site could deliver 6 - 8 pitches, however the opportunities for direct economic benefits would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 2km from existing areas of employment within the District and, as such, would not provide readily accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The site has the potential to bring forward 6 - 8 pitches, making a contribution to meeting the identified housing needs of the Gypsy and Traveller communities and this is considered to have a positive effect. The development of this approx 0.2ha site is considered large enough to provide for adequate on site facilities for parking, storage, play and residential amenity. However the location of this brownfield site within the Green Belt requires further assessment to identify any impact on landscape character. Similarly the site's inaccessibility to services and facilities, including areas of existing employment, is also likely to have a negative effect.			

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TR011: Land adjacent "Rocklands", 92 Draycott Road, Upper Tean

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR011)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure?	The development of this approx 1.2ha site is considered large enough to provide for adequate on site facilities for parking, storage, play and residential amenity. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	++

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR011)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?		
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is within 1km of a village centre to the east with a range of facilities including shops, pubs, medical centre, village hall, petrol station and a recreation ground. Two primary schools and a church are within 1.5km. Cheadle centre and Blythe Bridge centre are both within 4.5km. There are no direct bus routes along this stretch of Draycott Road - however the 32 bus route (Hanley - Uttoxeter) passes through Upper Tean, with an hourly service or better; and Draycott village to the west is on the 12 bus route (Fulford - Longton -Stone, with less than an hourly service. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral to negative effect on this Objective.	0/-
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to the open countryside and help to support healthy lifestyles. The site is within 1km of a GP surgery. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information, consequently this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	The site has the potential to bring forward a minimum of 8 pitches and meet the identified housing needs of the Gypsy and Traveller communities. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion?	As noted previously, the site is within 1km of a town or village centre which may help to reduce the need to travel. However	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR011)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	there are no direct bus routes along this stretch of Draycott Road - although the 32 bus route (Hanley - Uttoxeter) passes through Upper Tean, with an hourly service or better. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	Dealing with climate change is a wide ranging policy challenge cutting across all parts of society and SA objectives. However the site is on a bus route and this may help to reduce the need to travel by car. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective	0
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	A small area at the northern boundary of the site is in flood zone 3 and the site is likely to be affected to some degree by flood risk. Use of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/i
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	There are no known biodiversity constraints. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	0/i

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR011)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	This site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development for pitches is not expected to result in the loss of best and most versatile agricultural land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	Development of the site for pitches may not enable any re-use of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	Although dependent on proposal specific information, there is limited scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	0/i
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	Proposal specific information is required to assess any impact on landscape character. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective, although the exact effects are uncertain.	0/i

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR011)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the wider district. However, the increased population of the District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The site could deliver a minimum of 8 pitches and being within reasonable proximity (1km) to a town / village centre, has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality of the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The site could deliver a minimum of 8 pitches, however the opportunities for direct economic benefits would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 2km from existing areas of employment within the District and, as such, would not provide readily accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The site has the potential to bring forward a minimum of 8 pitches, meeting the identified housing needs of the Gypsy and Traveller communities and this is considered to have a significant positive effect. The development of this approx 1.2ha site is considered large enough to provide for adequate on site facilities for parking, storage, play and residential amenity. Whilst the site is within 1km of a village centre with some facilities and this is considered to have a positive effect, a lack of access to public transport and the site's inaccessibility to areas of existing employment are likely to have a negative effect. A small area at the northern boundary of the site is in flood zone 3 and the site is likely to be affected to some degree by flood risk, this is likely to have a significant negative effect.			

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TR012: Parcel opposite Richmoorhill Farm, Kingsley Road, Cellarhead

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR012)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this approx 0.7ha site is considered large enough to provide for adequate on site facilities for parking, storage, play and residential amenity. The site is large enough to allow for separation between pitches. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is within 2km of a secondary school at Werrington and within 3km of a Primary school and recreation ground at Wetley Rocks. Werrington centre (including a library, medical centre, village hall, shops and primary school) is within 4km. The major employer JCB is within 5km at Cheadle. The site is on the 32 bus route (Hanley - Uttoxeter), with an hourly or better service. There is a bus stop within 500m of the site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to the open countryside and help to support healthy lifestyles. The site is within 3km of a GP surgery. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information, consequently this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR012)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	The site has the potential to bring forward a minimum of 8 pitches and meet the identified housing needs of the Gypsy and Traveller communities. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 4km of a town or village centre which may have a limited role in helping to reduce the need to travel. The site is on the 32 bus route (Hanley - Uttoxeter), with an hourly or better service. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	Dealing with climate change is a wide ranging policy challenge cutting across all parts of society and SA objectives. However the site is on a bus route and this may help to reduce the need to travel by car. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective	0
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs?	Use of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/i

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR012)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?		
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	There are no known biodiversity constraints however southern areas of the site are heavily wooded. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/i
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	This site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development for pitches is not expected to result in the loss of best and most versatile agricultural land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	Development of the site for pitches may not enable any re-use of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials. There is a mining history on the site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and	The site is within 100m of a listed Barn. Although dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of this heritage asset. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/i

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR012)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?		
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	This is a greenfield site within the Green Belt and further assessment is required to identify any impact on landscape character. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, although the exact effects are uncertain.	-/i
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the wider district. However, the increased population of the District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The site could deliver a minimum of 8 pitches and with access to a town / village centre, has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality of the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The site could deliver a minimum of 8 pitches, however the opportunities for direct economic benefits would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 2km from existing areas of employment within the District and, as such, would not provide readily accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects:			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR012)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
The site has the potential to bring forward a minimum of 8 pitches, meeting the identified housing needs of the Gypsy and Traveller communities and this is considered to have a significant positive effect. The development of this approx 0.7ha site is considered large enough to provide for adequate on site facilities for parking, storage, play and residential amenity. However the site's inaccessibility to services and facilities, including areas of existing employment is likely to have a negative effect. The site's proximity to heritage assets and the presence of mature trees are also likely to have a negative effect. In addition, the location of this greenfield site within the Green Belt requires further assessment to identify any impact on landscape character.			

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TR013: Mobberley Works - northern area, Tean Road, Cheadle

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR013)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this approx 0.5ha site is considered large enough to provide for adequate on site facilities for parking, storage, play and residential amenity. However the presence of mature trees and the industrial estate to the south may limit the developable area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is within 2km of Upper Tean centre where there are shops, a medical centre and playing fields. It is also within 2.4km of Cheadle centre with its range of facilities including a hospital, medical centre, and primary / secondary / sixth form schools. There are also two minimarkets, a pub, sports fields and vets within 1300m. An industrial estate is immediately adjacent to the site. The site is on the 32 bus route (Hanley - Uttoxeter) with an hourly service or better. There is a bus stop within 500m of the site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral to negative effect on this Objective.	0/-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR013)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to the open countryside and help to support healthy lifestyles. The site is within 2km of a GP surgery. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information, consequently this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	The site has the potential to bring forward 6 - 8 pitches making a contribution to meeting the identified housing needs of the Gypsy and Traveller communities. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 2km of a town or village centre which may help to reduce the need to travel. The site is on the 32 bus route (Hanley - Uttoxeter), with an hourly or better service. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	Dealing with climate change is a wide ranging policy challenge cutting across all parts of society and SA objectives. However the site is on a bus route and this may help to reduce the need to travel by car. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR013)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	A small part to the west of the site is in Flood Zone 3 and the site is likely to be affected to some degree by flood risk. Use of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/i
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	There are no known biodiversity constraints however areas of the site are heavily wooded. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/i
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	This site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, it is considered that the site is used as overflow parking for the industrial units to the south, so development for pitches is not expected to result in the loss of best and most versatile agricultural land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation?	Development of the site for pitches may not enable any re-use of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR013)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	could use sustainable materials. There is a mining history on the site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	Although dependent on proposal specific information, there is little scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	0/i
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	This is a greenfield site within the Green Belt and further assessment is required to identify any impact on landscape character. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, although the exact effects are uncertain.	-/i
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the wider district. However, the increased population of the District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The site could deliver 6 - 8 pitches and with access to a town / village centre, has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality of the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR013)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The site could deliver 6 - 8 pitches, however the opportunities for direct economic benefits would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is adjacent to an existing area of employment within the District and, as such, would provide readily accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The site has the potential to bring forward 6 - 8 pitches, contributing towards meeting the identified housing needs of the Gypsy and Traveller communities and this is considered to have a positive effect. The development of this approx 0.5ha site is considered large enough to provide for adequate on site facilities for parking, storage, play and residential amenity. The site's accessibility to an area of existing employment is likely to have a positive effect. However part of the site to the west is within flood zone 3 and the site is likely to be affected to some degree by flood risk and this is likely to have a significant negative effect. Also the site's inaccessibility to services and facilities is likely to have a negative effect, as is the presence of mature trees. In addition, the location of this greenfield site within the Green Belt requires further assessment to identify any impact on landscape character.			

Table 15.291

TR014: Field west of "Bank View", Draycott Road, Upper Tean

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR014)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure?	The development of this approx 0.7ha site is considered large enough to provide for adequate on site facilities for parking, storage, play and residential amenity. The site is large enough to allow for separation between pitches. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR014)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?		
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is within 1.5km of a village centre with a range of facilities including shops, pubs, medical centre, village hall, petrol station and recreation ground. Cheadle centre is within 5km and Blythe Bridge centre within 4.5km. However there are no direct bus routes along this stretch of Draycott Road. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	0/-
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to the open countryside and help to support healthy lifestyles. The site is within 2km of a GP surgery. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information, consequently this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	The site has the potential to bring forward 6 - 8 pitches making a contribution to meeting the identified housing needs of the Gypsy and Traveller communities. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 1.5km of a village centre which may help to reduce the need to travel. However there are no direct bus routes along this stretch of Draycott Road. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR014)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	Dealing with climate change is a wide ranging policy challenge cutting across all parts of society and SA objectives. However the site is not on a bus route and this may lead to an increase in the need to travel by car. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	Use of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/i
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	There are no known biodiversity constraints however the eastern boundary of the site includes mature trees. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/i
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land?	This site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. The site is also considered to be classified as Grade 3 Agricultural Land and so further work is necessary to determine whether development for pitches may result in the loss of best and most	--/i

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR014)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	versatile agricultural land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a potentially significant negative effect on this Objective.	
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	Development of the site for pitches may not enable any re-use of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	Although dependent on proposal specific information, there is little scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	0/i
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	This is a greenfield site in open countryside with potential for visual intrusion. Further assessment is required to identify any impact on landscape character. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, although the exact effects are uncertain.	-/i
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the wider district. However, the increased population of the District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR014)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The site could deliver 6 - 8 pitches and with limited access to a town / village centre, has little scope for a positive effect on the vitality of the wider District resulting from new residents being expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The site could deliver 6 - 8 pitches, however the opportunities for direct economic benefits would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 2km from an existing area of employment within the District and, as such, would not provide readily accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The site has the potential to bring forward 6 - 8 pitches, contributing towards meeting the identified housing needs of the Gypsy and Traveller communities and this is considered to have a positive effect. The development of this approx 0.7ha site is considered large enough to provide for adequate on site facilities for parking, storage, play and residential amenity. However the site's inaccessibility to services and facilities (including to areas of existing employment) and isolation from the public transport network is likely to have a negative effect. In addition, the location of this greenfield site within an area considered to be classified as Grade 3 Agricultural Land and where development may lead to prominent intrusion into the countryside, requires further assessment to identify any impact on landscape character and the loss of best and most versatile agricultual land.			

Table 15.292

TR015: Parcel north of Quabbs Lane, off Forsbrook - Cheadle Road

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR015)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR015)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this approx 0.2ha site is considered sufficient to provide for adequate on site facilities for parking, storage, play and residential amenity, particularly if the number of pitches delivered is reduced accordingly. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is within 1km of Forsbrook centre with shops, a church, pubs and open space. Blythe Bridge centre is within 2km with shops, a library and primary and secondary schools. Blythe Bridge railway station is within 2km. The site is within 5 km of Cheadle centre with its shops, hospital, medical centre, community centre and primary / secondary / 6th form schools. Bus route 31 (Hanley - Blythe Bridge - Forsbrook - Cheadle - Leek) runs a limited number of weekday services. The nearest bus stops are in Forsbrook and Boundary. More bus routes (such as the more frequent Service 6A between Blythe Bridge, Longton and Hanley) pass through Blythe Bridge centre. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral to negative effect on this Objective.	0/-
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to the open countryside and help to support healthy lifestyles. The site is within 5km of a GP surgery. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information, consequently this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met?	The site has the potential to bring forward around 6 pitches making a contribution to meeting the identified housing needs of the Gypsy	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR015)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	and Traveller communities. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 1km of a village centre with limited services and facilities which may help to reduce the need to travel. However the site is relatively isolated from the public transport network. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	Dealing with climate change is a wide ranging policy challenge cutting across all parts of society and SA objectives. However the site is not on a bus route and this may lead to an increase in the need to travel by car. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	Use of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/i

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR015)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	There are no known biodiversity constraints. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	0/i
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	This site has been assessed as being on a mix of greenfield and brownfield land. The site is also considered to be partially classified as Grade 4 Agricultural Land and so development for pitches is not expected to result in the loss of best and most versatile agricultural land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	There are some small garages on site (and storage). Development of the site for pitches may not enable any re-use of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	Although dependent on proposal specific information, there is little scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	0/i
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness?	This is a greenfield site in the Green Belt. Further assessment is required to identify any impact on landscape character. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, although the exact effects are uncertain.	-/i

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR015)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?		
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the wider district. However, the increased population of the District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The site could deliver around 6 pitches and with limited access to a town / village centre, has little scope for a positive effect on the vitality of the wider District resulting from new residents being expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The site could deliver around 6 pitches, however the opportunities for direct economic benefits would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 2km from an existing area of employment within the District and, as such, would not provide readily accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects:			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR015)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
The site has the potential to bring forward around 6 pitches, contributing towards meeting the identified housing needs of the Gypsy and Traveller communities and this is considered to have a positive effect. The development of this approx 0.2ha site is considered large enough to provide for adequate on site facilities for parking, storage, play and residential amenity, particularly if the number of pitches delivered is managed accordingly. However the site's inaccessibility to services and facilities (including to areas of existing employment) and isolation from the public transport network is likely to have a negative effect. In addition, the location of this mixed greenfield / brownfield site in the Green Belt requires further assessment to identify any impact on landscape character.			

Table 15.293

TR016: Former Timber Yard off Draycott Cross Road, Cheadle

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR016)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this approx 0.3ha site is considered sufficient to provide for adequate on site facilities for parking, storage, play and residential amenity. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is within 3km of Cheadle town centre with its shops, hospital, library, medical centre and primary / secondary / 6th form schools. The site is around 1km from bus route 31 with a less than hourly service. A more regular bus route (32) passes through Cheadle town centre. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR016)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to the open countryside and help to support healthy lifestyles. The site is within 3km of a GP surgery. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information, consequently this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	The site has the potential to bring forward 6 - 8 pitches making a contribution to meeting the identified housing needs of the Gypsy and Traveller communities. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is relatively distant from Cheadle (within 3km of the town centre) and relatively isolated from the public transport network. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	Dealing with climate change is a wide ranging policy challenge cutting across all parts of society and SA objectives. However the site is relatively distant from a town or village centre and not on a bus route and this may lead to an increase in the need to travel by car. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR016)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	Use of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/i
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	There are no known biodiversity constraints. A Biodiversity Alert Site is within 100m to the south. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	0/i
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	This site has been assessed as being previously developed land (former timber yard) and so development for pitches is not expected to result in the loss of best and most versatile agricultural land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation?	There are buildings on site. Development of the site for pitches may not enable any re-use of existing buildings. However, there	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR016)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	is scope that development could use sustainable materials. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	Although dependent on proposal specific information, there is little scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	0/i
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	This is a brownfield site in the Green Belt. Further assessment is required to identify any impact on landscape character. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, although the exact effects are uncertain.	-/i
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the wider district. However, the increased population of the District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The site could deliver around 6 pitches and with limited access to a town / village centre, has little scope for a positive effect on the vitality of the wider District resulting from new residents being expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR016)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	Development for pitches would lead to the loss of employment land. The site could deliver 6 - 8 pitches, however the opportunities for direct economic benefits would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 100m of an existing area of employment within the District and, as such, would provide readily accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The site has the potential to bring forward 6 - 8 pitches, contributing towards meeting the identified housing needs of the Gypsy and Traveller communities and this is considered to have a positive effect. The development of this approx 0.3ha site is considered large enough to provide for adequate on site facilities for parking, storage, play and residential amenity. The site is close to an area of existing employment and its development is not expected to result in the loss of best and most versatile agricultural land, and these are likely to have positive effects. However the site's inaccessibility to services and facilities and isolation from the public transport network are likely to have a significant negative effect. Development for pitches would lead to the loss of employment land and this is also likely to have a negative effect. In addition, the location of this brownfield site in the Green Belt requires further assessment to identify any impact on landscape character.			

Table 15.294

15.7 Gypsy and Traveller sites TR017-TR033

TR017: Land north west of 113 Leek Road, Cheadle

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR017)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this approx 0.8ha site is considered sufficient to provide for adequate on site facilities for parking, storage, play and residential amenity. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	+
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	Site about 1km from edge of town centre (shops, medical centre, library etc within 1- 1.4km); hospital approx 1.6km from site. A number of schools (primary/secondary/6th form) within 750 - 2300m south. Rec ground under 1km east. No bus route passes site, but numerous bus services are available from town centre, including frequent Hanley-Uttoxeter (via Kingsley) no. 32 route; and less frequent routes to Stoke, Leek (via Froghall, via Cauldon) etc. Nearest bus stop 700m south. Within 500m to JCB factory on A522. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective as it is in close proximity to a employment source,school and recreation ground with access to bus services.	+
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to the open countryside and help to support healthy lifestyles. The site is within 1.5km of a GP surgery. Overall, this	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR017)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information, consequently this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	The site has the potential to bring forward 8 pitches and meet the identified housing needs of the Gypsy and Traveller communities. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 1km - 1.4 of Cheadle town with the nearest bus stop being approximately 700m from the site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	0/-
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	Dealing with climate change is a wide ranging policy challenge cutting across all parts of society and SA objectives. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR017)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	Use of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/i
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	There are no known biodiversity constraints. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	0/i
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	This agricultural site has been assessed as greenfield and is considered to have an ALC classification of 3 so development for pitches could result in the loss of best and most versatile agricultural land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	Development of the site for pitches may not enable any re-use of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic	Although dependent on proposal specific information, there is little scope that development of this site could lead to the	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR017)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? ● Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	deterioration or enhancement of heritage assets and/or their settings. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	● Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? ● Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? ● Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	This is a greenfield site in the Green Belt. Further assessment is required to identify any impact on landscape character. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, although the exact effects are uncertain.	-/i
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	● Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? ● Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the wider district. However, the increased population of the District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	● Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? ● Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The site could deliver around 8 pitches and with reasonable access to a town centre, has scope for a positive effect on the vitality of the wider District resulting from new residents being expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	● Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? ● Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The site could deliver 8 pitches, however the opportunities for direct economic benefits would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	● Help meet the employment needs of local people? ● Help increase economic activity levels?	The site is within 500m of the JCB factory on the A522 and as such, would provide readily accessible employment opportunities	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR017)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The site has the potential to bring forward 8 pitches and meet the identified housing needs of the Gypsy and Traveller communities and this is considered to have a positive effect. The development of this approx 0.8ha site is considered large enough to provide for adequate on site facilities for parking, storage, play and residential amenity. The site is reasonably close to Cheadle facilities and an area of existing employment and this is likely to have a positive effect. However the site's development could result in the loss of best and most versatile agricultural land and this is likely to result in a negative effect. In addition, the location of this greenfield site in the Green Belt requires further assessment to identify any impact on landscape character.			

Table 15.295

TR018: "The Ark", agricultural building and land off Cheadle Road, Boundary

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR018)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this approx 0.4ha site is considered sufficient to provide for adequate on site facilities for parking, storage, play and residential amenity. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil	Cheadle town centre approx 2.8 - 3.2km east (shops, library, hospital, medical centre). A number of primary/secondary/6th form schools all within 2.9 - 3.8km east. Forsbrook 'centre'	0/-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR018)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? ● Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	(shops, pubs, chapel) within 1.9km west/ Blythe Bridge centre (shops, schools, library etc) within 2.9km. Dilhorne Rec Ground 1.5km NW. Site lies on no. 31 bus route (Hanley - Meir - Blythe Bridge - Forsbrook -Cheadle - Ipstones - Leek) runs a limited number of services M-F. Numerous bus services are available from town centre, including frequent Hanley-Uttoxeter (via Kingsley) no. 32 route; and less frequent routes to Stoke, Leek (via Froghall, via Cauldon) etc. Bus stops outside site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, as it is some distance from facilities and services with a bus stop outside the site.	
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	● Help improve health or access to health facilities? ● Help promote healthy lifestyles? ● Help to reduce health inequalities? ● Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to the open countryside and help to support healthy lifestyles. The site is within 2.8km 3.2km of Cheadle and a medical centre. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	● Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? ● Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information, consequently this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	● Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? ● Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? ● Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	The site has the potential to bring forward 6 - 8 pitches and help to meet the identified housing needs of the Gypsy and Traveller communities. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	● Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? ● Support the use of public transport?	As noted previously, the site is within 2.8 - 3.2km of Cheadle town centre. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR018)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?		
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	Dealing with climate change is a wide ranging policy challenge cutting across all parts of society and SA objectives. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	Use of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/i
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	There are no known biodiversity constraints. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	0/i

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR018)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	This site has been assessed as greenfield and is considered to have an ALC classification of 4 so development for pitches may not result in the loss of best and most versatile agricultural land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	There is a modern agricultural building on site. Development of the site for pitches may not enable any re-use of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	Although dependent on proposal specific information, there is little scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration or enhancement of a heritage asset ans/or it's setting. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	0/i
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	This is a greenfield site in the Green Belt. Further assessment is required to identify any impact on landscape character. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, although the exact effects are uncertain.	-/i

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR018)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the wider district. However, the increased population of the District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The site could deliver a minimum of 8 pitches and with access to a town centre, has scope for a positive effect on the vitality of the wider District resulting from new residents being expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The site could deliver a minimum of 8 pitches, however the opportunities for direct economic benefits would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 3km of a town centre and as such, would not provide readily accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The site has the potential to bring forward 8 pitches and meet the identified housing needs of the Gypsy and Traveller communities and this is considered to have a positive effect. The development of this approx 0.4ha site is considered large enough to provide for adequate on site facilities for parking, storage, play and residential amenity. The site is some distance from Cheadle town centre although there are public transport links this is assesses as a negative impact. However the site's development could result in the loss of best and most versatile agricultural land and this is likely to result in a negative effect. In addition, the location of this greenfield site in the Green Belt requires further assessment to identify any impact on landscape character.			

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TR019: Land at ARB Treecare, A521 / Draycott Cross Road, Cheadle

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR019)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this approx 2.5ha site is considered sufficient to provide for adequate on site facilities for parking, storage, play and residential amenity. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	Site approx 1.280 - 1.58km from town centre (shops, hospital, library etc). Approx 2.08km from Cheadle medical centre; 1.5km from nearest school/playing fields (a number of primary/secondary/6th form schools within 1.5 - 2.4km).Site lies on no. 31 bus route (Hanley - Meir - Blythe Bridge - Forsbrook -Cheadle - Ipstones - Leek) runs a limited number of services M-F. Numerous bus services are available from town centre, including frequent Hanley-Uttoxeter (via Kingsley) no. 32 route; and less frequent routes to Stoke, Leek (via Froghall, via Cauldon) etc. Bus stop near site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to the open countryside and help to support healthy lifestyles. The site is within 2.1km of a GP surgery. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR019)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information, consequently this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	The site has the potential to bring forward a minimum of 8 pitches meeting the identified housing needs of the Gypsy and Traveller communities. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 2km of Cheadle town centre and has a limited access to bus services. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	Dealing with climate change is a wide ranging policy challenge cutting across all parts of society and SA objectives. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs?	The eastern portion of the site is in flood zone 2 / 3 and is likely to be affected to some degree by flood risk. Use of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this.	--/i

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR019)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	There are no known biodiversity constraints. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	0/i
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	This site has been assessed as mixed greenfield / brownfield and is considered to have an ALC classification of 4 so development for pitches may not result in the loss of best and most versatile agricultural land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	There is a two storey, possibly commercial unit on site. Development of the site for pitches may not enable any re-use of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and	Although dependent on proposal specific information, there is little scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration or enhancement of a heritage asset and/or it's setting. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	0/i

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR019)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?		
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	This is a largely greenfield site in the Green Belt. Further assessment is required to identify any impact on landscape character. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, although the exact effects are uncertain.	-/i
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the wider district. However, the increased population of the District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The site could deliver a minimum of 8 pitches and with access to a town centre, has scope for a positive effect on the vitality of the wider District resulting from new residents being expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The site could deliver a minimum of 8 pitches, however the opportunities for direct economic benefits would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 2km of a town centre and as such, would provide limited accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects:			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR019)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
The site has the potential to bring forward a minimum of 8 pitches, meeting the identified housing needs of the Gypsy and Traveller communities, and this is considered to have a positive effect. The development of this approx 2.5ha site is considered large enough to provide for adequate on site facilities for parking, storage, play and residential amenity. There are no known biodiversity or heritage constraints (although there are some mature trees on site) and this is also considered to have a positive effect. However the eastern portion of the site is in flood zone 2 / 3 and the site is likely to be affected to some degree by flood risk, this is likely to have a significant negative effect. In addition, the location of this largely greenfield site in the Green Belt requires further assessment to identify any impact on landscape character.			

Table 15.297

TR020: Land between "Serendipity" and Bank House Farm, Leek Road, nr Weston Coyney

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR020)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this approx 0.4ha site is considered sufficient to provide for adequate on site facilities for parking, storage, play and residential amenity. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	Weston Coyney centre 3.2 - 3.9km to S (infants/junior/primary schools, shops, church, pub). Meir centre has wider range of shops and facilities including medical centre and supermarkets, 1.4 - 1.8km further S. Werrington centre (primary school/ medical centre/shops/library) around 3.2km NW (Werrington High School and some other commercial premises at Cellarhead) within 1.6km N. Wetley Rocks centre (primary school/shop/church/pub) within 3.2km N. Shukers Farm shop and sports pitches around 1km SW. The A520 is not served by a bus route at all in between	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR020)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
		Cellarhead and Weston Coyney. However the frequent Hanley-Kingsley-Cheadle-Uttoxeter no. 32 route passes the Cellarhead crossroads under 400m N; there also appears to be a regular service in between Cellarhead and Wetley Rocks onto Leek. There are bus stops at this crossroads. There also numerous services through Meir. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to the open countryside and help to support healthy lifestyles. The site is over 1.2km of a GP surgery. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information, consequently this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	The site has the potential to bring forward a minimum of 8 pitches and help to meet the identified housing needs of the Gypsy and Traveller communities. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR020)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	Dealing with climate change is a wide ranging policy challenge cutting across all parts of society and SA objectives. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	Use of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/i
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is within 300m of a woodland Site of Biological Importance. There are no known biodiversity constraints. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	0/i
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability?	This site has been assessed as greenfield and is considered to have an ALC classification of 4 so development for pitches may not result in the loss of best and most versatile agricultural land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR020)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?		
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	Development of the site for pitches may not enable any re-use of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	Although dependent on proposal specific information, there is little scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration or enhancement of a heritage asset and /or it's setting. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	0/i
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	This is a greenfield site in the Green Belt. Further assessment is required to identify any impact on landscape character. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, although the exact effects are uncertain.	-/i
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the wider district. However, the increased population of the District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR020)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The site could deliver a minimum of 8 pitches and with access to a town centre, has scope for a positive effect on the vitality of the wider District resulting from new residents being expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The site could deliver 6 - 8 pitches, however the opportunities for direct economic benefits would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is approximately within 2km of a local centre and as such, would provide limited accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The site has the potential to bring forward a minimum of 8 pitches and contribute to meeting the identified housing needs of the Gypsy and Traveller communities and this is considered to have a positive effect. The development of this approx 0.4ha site is considered large enough to provide for adequate on site facilities for parking, storage, play and residential amenity. There are no known biodiversity or heritage constraints and this is also considered to have a positive effect, although the site is within 300m of a woodland Site of Biological Importance and further work is needed to identify any potential impacts and mitigation measures. In addition, the location of this greenfield site in the Green Belt requires further assessment to identify any impact on landscape character. The site within 1km of some services and facilities with a regular bus service and this has been assessed as a neutral impact.			

Table 15.298

TR021: Land south of Draycott Cross Road industrial estate / north of Commonside Nurseries, Cheadle

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR021)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR021)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this approx 0.7ha site is considered sufficient to provide for adequate on site facilities for parking, storage, play and residential amenity. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	Site approx 2- 2.4 km from town centre (shops, hospital, library etc). Approx 2.5km from Cheadle medical centre; and a number of primary/secondary/6th form schools/playing fields within 2.2km-3.1km. Site approx 900m from less than hourly bus route no. 31; and a more regular bus route no. 32 (Hanley/Kingsley/Cheadle/Uttoxeter) passes through town centre, alongside less frequent routes to Stoke, Leek (via Froghall, via Cauldon) etc. Nearest bus stop 900+m away. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to the open countryside and help to support healthy lifestyles. The site is over 1.2km of a GP surgery. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information, consequently this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met?	The site has the potential to bring forward 6 - 8 pitches and help to meet the identified housing needs of the Gypsy and Traveller communities. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR021)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?		
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 2km -2.4km of Cheadle town centre and is within 1000m of a bus service. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	Dealing with climate change is a wide ranging policy challenge cutting across all parts of society and SA objectives. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	Use of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/i

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR021)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site has a number of mature trees and is within 100m of a Biodiversity Alert Site. Whilst there are no known biodiversity constraints, any impact on the BAS will need to be understood. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/i
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	This site has been assessed as greenfield and is considered to have an ALC classification of 4 so development for pitches may not result in the loss of best and most versatile agricultural land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	Development of the site for pitches may not enable any re-use of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	Although dependent on proposal specific information, there is little scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration or enhancement of a heritage asset and/or it's setting. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	0/i
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness?	This is a greenfield site in the Green Belt. Further assessment is required to identify any impact on landscape character. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, although the exact effects are uncertain.	-/i

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR021)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?		
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the wider district. However, the increased population of the District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The site could deliver a minimum of 8 pitches and with access to a town centre, has scope for a positive effect on the vitality of the wider District resulting from new residents being expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The site could deliver 6 - 8 pitches, however the opportunities for direct economic benefits would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is adjacent to an industrial estate and as such, would provide readily accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The site has the potential to bring forward 6 - 8 pitches and contribute to meeting the identified housing needs of the Gypsy and Traveller communities and this is considered to have a positive effect. The development of this approx 0.7ha site is considered large enough to provide for adequate on site facilities for parking, storage, play and residential amenity. The site is close to an area of existing employment opportunity and this is also considered to have a positive effect. There are no known biodiversity or heritage constraints, although the site has a			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR021)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
number of mature trees and is within 100m of a Biodiversity Alert Site, so further work is needed to identify any potential impacts and mitigation measures. The site's inaccessibility to services and facilities including public transport, is likely to result in a significant negative effect. In addition, the location of this greenfield site in the Green Belt requires further assessment to identify any impact on landscape character.			

Table 15.299

TR022: Between Hands Farm and "The Mount" Petrol Station, off Leek Road, Cellarhead

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR022)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this approx 0.5ha site is considered sufficient to provide for adequate on site facilities for parking, storage, play and residential amenity. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	Weston Coyney centre 4.2 - 4.9km to S (infants/junior/primary schools, shops, church, pub). Meir centre has wider range of shops and facilities including medical centre and supermarkets, 1.4 - 1.8km further S. Werrington centre (primary school/ medical centre/shops/library) around 2.4km NW (Werrington High School and some other commercial premises at Cellarhead) within 800m N. Adjacent petrol station and its shop. Wetley Rocks centre (primary school/shop/church/pub) within 2.3km N. Shukers Farm shop/sports pitches around 1.9km SW.	+/0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR022)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
		The A520 is not served by a bus route at all in between Cellarhead and Weston Coyney. However the frequent Hanley-Kingsley-Cheadle-Uttoxeter no. 32 route passes the Cellarhead crossroads under 400m N; there also appears to be a regular service in between Cellarhead and Wetley Rocks onto Leek. There are bus stops at this crossroads. There also numerous services through Meir. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive/neutral effect on this Objective as it is close to a bus stop and commercial premises at Cellarhead.	
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to the open countryside and help to support healthy lifestyles. The site is over 1.2km of a GP surgery. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information, consequently this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	The site has the potential to bring forward a minimum of 8 pitches and help to meet the identified housing needs of the Gypsy and Traveller communities. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is close to bus services. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR022)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	Dealing with climate change is a wide ranging policy challenge cutting across all parts of society and SA objectives. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	Use of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/i
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	There are no known biodiversity constraints. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	0/i
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land?	This site has been assessed as greenfield and is considered to have an ALC classification of 4 so development for pitches may not result in the loss of best and most versatile agricultural land.	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR022)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	Development of the site for pitches may not enable any re-use of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	Although dependent on proposal specific information, there is little scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	0/i
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	This is a greenfield site in the Green Belt. Further assessment is required to identify any impact on landscape character. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, although the exact effects are uncertain.	-/i
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the wider district. However, the increased population of the District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR022)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The site could deliver a minimum of 8 pitches and with access to a town centre, has scope for a positive effect on the vitality of the wider District resulting from new residents being expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The site could deliver a minimum of 8 pitches, however the opportunities for direct economic benefits would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 3km of a town centre and there are bus services and as such, would provide limited accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The site has the potential to bring forward 6 - 8 pitches and contribute to meeting the identified housing needs of the Gypsy and Traveller communities and this is considered to have a positive effect. The development of this approx 0.5ha site is considered large enough to provide for adequate on site facilities for parking, storage, play and residential amenity. There are no known biodiversity or heritage constraints and this is also considered to have a neutral effect. However the site's relative inaccessibility to services and facilities, including areas of existing employment opportunities is likely to result in a negative effect. In addition, the location of this greenfield site in the Green Belt requires further assessment to identify any impact on landscape character.			

Table 15.300

TR023: Land at Anzio Camp, Buxton Road, Blackshaw Moor

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR023)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR023)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this approx 1.25ha site is considered sufficient to provide for adequate on site facilities for parking, storage, play and residential amenity. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	Parcels are approx 720 - 920m from centre of smaller village Blackshaw Moor to N, which contains a pub/hotel, and primary school (playing fields). Smaller village Meerbrook (pub,village hall, church) approx 3.4km W. NE of Leek (Haregate area) is 2-2.3km S (supermarkets, shops, First-/High-/Special- schools, community centre, pubs, rec grounds are all within 3.5km); the town centre is within 3.2 - 4.3km (further shops, schools, supermarkets, medical centres, churches, bus station etc). One bus route (X15 Leek - Buxton) passes site but less than hourly service. No service to Meerbrook. Bus stops at Blackshaw Moor. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective as it is just under 1000m from the Blackshaw Moorbut some distance from larger centres.	+
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to the open countryside and help to support healthy lifestyles. The site is over 1.2km of a GP surgery. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR023)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information, consequently this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	The site has the potential to bring forward a minimum of 8 pitches and meet the identified housing needs of the Gypsy and Traveller communities. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 1000m of Blackshaw Moor centre and bus service . Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	Dealing with climate change is a wide ranging policy challenge cutting across all parts of society and SA objectives. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk?	Use of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has	-/i

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR023)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	been assessed as having a negative effect on this objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is adjacent to an SBI and further assessment is required to identify any effects and potential mitigation measures. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/i
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	This site is mainly brownfield and not in agricultural use. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	The site is a former camp with derelict buildings. Development of the site for pitches may not enable any re-use of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic	There is a small listed milestone near the A53 entrance. Although dependent on proposal specific	0/i

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR023)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? ● Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	information, there is little scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are unknown.	
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	● Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? ● Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? ● Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	Further assessment is required to identify any impact on landscape character. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective, although the exact effects are uncertain.	0/i
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	● Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? ● Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the wider district. However, the increased population of the District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	● Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? ● Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The site could deliver a minimum of 8 pitches and with access to a town centre, has scope for a positive effect on the vitality of the wider District resulting from new residents being expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	● Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? ● Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The site could deliver a minimum of 8 pitches, however the opportunities for direct economic benefits would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR023)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is close to Blackshaw Moor and there are bus services to Leek, as such, would provide accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The site has the potential to bring forward 8 pitches and meet the identified housing needs of the Gypsy and Traveller communities and this is considered to have a positive effect. The development of this approximately 1.25ha site is considered large enough to provide for adequate on site facilities for parking, storage, play and residential amenity. The site is close to Blackshaw Moor which has limited services/facilities with services/facilities in Leek being over 3km. There is a bus services. Overall this is considered to have positive impact. The site is adjacent to an SBI and and there is a small listed milestone near the site this is considered to have a negative impact although the exact effects are uncertain.			

Table 15.301

TR024: Land and buildings at the New Inn, Leek Road, Longsdon

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR024)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	SOCIAL		
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this approx 0.16ha site is considered to be constrained to provide adequate on site facilities for parking, storage, play and residential amenity for the number of pitches required in the Preferred Options consultation. Especially given the trees on the site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to	Site is 600m from Longsdon centre to E (pub, village hall,church); 1.2km from Ladderedge country park; 2.5km from Barnfields	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR024)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	industrial estate; 2.9km from Morrisons/BM Homestore; 3.6km to St Edward's/Broad St crossroads (centre contains shops, schools, supermarkets, bus station, community hall, medical centres,college etc). 2.8km from 'The Village' (petrol station, pub) to W; Endon centre about 4km W (shops, medical centre, church, village hall, Primary and High schools, pub); Hanley centre around 15km. Regular bus routes (such as no. 18 Hanley - Leek around 3 buses/hour) along A53; can connect to other bus routes at Leek bus station (eg to Cheadle-Uttoxeter). Other less frequent bus routes also from Leek to other parts of the District. Bus stops adjacent to site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to the open countryside and help to support healthy lifestyles. The site is over 1.2km of a GP surgery. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective	0
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information, consequently this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	The site has the potential to bring forward some pitches and help to meet the identified housing needs of the Gypsy and Traveller communities. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is in close proximity to a bus stop with links to services and facilities. It has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR024)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	Dealing with climate change is a wide ranging policy challenge cutting across all parts of society and SA objectives. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	Use of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/i
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	There are some trees and buildings on site with the potential to support nesting birds. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/i
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land?	This site has been assessed as greenfield and is considered to have an ALC classification of 4 so development for pitches may	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR024)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	not result in the loss of best and most versatile agricultural land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	Development of the site for pitches may not enable any re-use of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	There are listed buildings close to the site. Although dependent on proposal specific information, there is little scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	0/i
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	This is a brownfield site in the Green Belt. Further assessment is required to identify any impact on landscape character. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, although the exact effects are uncertain.	-/i
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the wider district. However, the increased population of the District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR024)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The site could deliver a minimum of 8 pitches and with access to a town centre, has scope for a positive effect on the vitality of the wider District resulting from new residents being expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The site could deliver pitches, however the opportunities for direct economic benefits would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is close to employment opportunities and has bus services to the wider area as such, would provide accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: This is a small site with existing trees which may not be able to provide a total of 8 pitches this is a negative impact. It is close to services/facilities and a bus stop and this is a positive impact. There trees on the site and some buildings with a potential to support nesting birds this is considered to be a negative impact. . The site's development could result in the loss of best and most versatile agricultural land and this is likely to result in a negative effect. In addition, the location of this site in the Green Belt requires further assessment to identify any impact on landscape character.			

Table 15.302

TR025 Land at Northern Countryside Works Depot Salters Lane Werrington

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR025)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this approx 0.43ha site is considered sufficient to provide for adequate on site facilities for parking, storage, play and residential amenity. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is within 620m of the centre of Werrington which has a range of services including shops, medical centre Village Hall, library and Primary School. The recreation grounds are slightly further from the site. A High School and further shops and pubs lie within 2.3km within the village. There are regular bus routes along Ash Bank Road (no. 16 Hanley-Werrington_Leek and no. 32 Hanley-Cheadle_Uttoexter) and less frequent routes to the other parts of the District. The bus stops are in Werrington town centre. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to the open countryside and help to support healthy lifestyles. The site is within 640m of a GP surgery. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR025)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information, consequently this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	The site has the potential to bring forward a minimum of 8 pitches and help to meet the identified housing needs of the Gypsy and Traveller communities. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 640m of the village centre of Werrington as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 1000m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	Dealing with climate change is a wide ranging policy challenge cutting across all parts of society and SA objectives. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR025)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	The site is not within flood zone 3. Use of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/i
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	There are no known biodiversity constraints, however it is a mixed greenfield/brownfield site with some buildings and could provide opportunities for roosting bats/owls or nesting birds. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	0/i
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	This site has been assessed as a mixed brownfiled/greenfield site and is not in agricultural use so development for pitches may not result in the loss of best and most versatile agricultural land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	Development of the site for pitches may not enable any re-use of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic	Although dependent on proposal specific information, there is little scope that development of this site could lead to the	0/i

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR025)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? ● Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	deterioration of the setting of heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	● Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? ● Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? ● Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	This is a mixed brownfield/greenfield site in the Green Belt. Further assessment is required to identify any impact on landscape character. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, although the exact effects are uncertain.	-/i
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	● Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? ● Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the wider district. However, the increased population of the District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	● Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? ● Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The site could deliver a minimum of 8 pitches and with access to a town centre, has scope for a positive effect on the vitality of the wider District resulting from new residents being expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	● Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? ● Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The site could deliver a minimum of 8 pitches, however the opportunities for direct economic benefits would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	● Help meet the employment needs of local people? ● Help increase economic activity levels?	The site is within 620m of a village centre and as such, would have access to some employment opportunities for prospective	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR025)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The site has the potential to bring forward 8 pitches and meet the identified housing needs of the Gypsy and Traveller communities and this is considered to have a positive effect. The development of this approx 0.4ha site is considered large enough to provide for adequate on site facilities for parking, storage, play and residential amenity. It is in close proximity to Werrington centre which has a range of services/facilities access to bus services which is a positive impact There are no known heritage or biodiversity constraints and but some of the buildings on the site may have potential to support nesting birds the impact on these is therefore neutral although the exact impact is unknown. The site is a mix of brownfield and greenfield and is not in agricultural use. It is in the Green Belt and would not lead to a loss of agricultural land. The location of this site in the Green Belt requires further assessment to identify any impact on landscape character.			

Table 15.303

TR026 Land at Kniveden Hall Mount Road Leek

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR026)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this approx 2.58ha site is considered sufficient to provide for adequate on site facilities for parking, storage, play and residential amenity. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	+
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to	The site is within 1100-2200m of the town centre with it's shops, supermarkets, medical centres, community halls, bus station,	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR026)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	schools and churches etc. It is under 750m from Moorlands Hospital (on foot via rights of way). Springfield Road schools and Asda supermarket are approximately 1100m and there are playing fields within 200m. Frequent no. 18 bus service (to Hanley) passes through Springfield Road; less frequent routes (eg to Buxton and Ashbourne) along those roads.Other bus routes at Leek bus station (eg frequent Cheadle-Uttoxeter); and less frequent bus routes also from Leek to other parts of the District. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to the playing fields and open countryside and help to support healthy lifestyles. The site is within 750m of Moorlands Hospital and 1100-2200 of the town centre. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information, consequently this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	The site has the potential to bring forward a minimum of 8 pitches and help to meet the identified housing needs of the Gypsy and Traveller communities. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 1100-2200m of the town centre of Leek which should reduce the need to travel. Similarly, the site is within 1000m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR026)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	Dealing with climate change is a wide ranging policy challenge cutting across all parts of society and SA objectives. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.e.	0
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	The site is not within flood zone 3. Use of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/i
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	There are known biodiversity constraints, the site is a mix of woodland,amenity grassland and a number of trees with bat potential. However It is isolated from the wider countryside with little connectivity. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/i
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability?	This site is not in agricultural use so development for pitches may not result in the loss of best and most versatile agricultural land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR026)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?		
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	Development of the site for pitches may not enable any re-use of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	Although dependent on proposal specific information, there is little scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	0/i
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	Proposal specific information is required is required to identify any impact on landscape character. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective, although the exact effects are uncertain.	0/i
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the wider district. However, the increased population of the District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR026)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The site could deliver minimum of 8 pitches and with access to a town centre, has scope for a positive effect on the vitality of the wider District resulting from new residents being expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth.	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The site could deliver a minimum of 8 pitches, however the opportunities for direct economic benefits would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is on the edge of Leek within within 750m from Moorlands Hospital and 1100-2200m of a town centre and as such, would provide accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The is a large site which has the potential to bring forward 8 pitches and meet the identified housing needs of the Gypsy and Traveller communities and this is considered to have a positive effect. The development of this approximately 2.584ha site is considered large enough to provide for adequate on site facilities for parking, storage, play and residential amenity. It is in close proximity to Leek which has a range of services/facilities employment access to bus services which is a positive impact. There are known biodiversity constraints which have a negative impact although the exact effect is uncertain. The site is brownfield and is not in agricultural use and would not lead to a loss of agricultural land.			

Table 15.304

TR027 Land/buildings of former Meadows Special School, Tunstead Road Knypersley

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR027)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR027)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this approx 0.46ha site is considered sufficient to provide for adequate on site facilities for parking, storage, play and residential amenity. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is between 650m and 1200m of the main shopping/commercial areas of the town, with a range a facilities/services. A first school,a high school and a church are located within 350m. Industrial areas are within 1600m. Playing fields are adjacent to the site and also within 600m. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to the playing fields and open countryside and help to support healthy lifestyles. The site is within 650m and 1200m of the town centre. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR027)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information, consequently this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	The site has the potential to bring forward a minimum of 8 pitches and help to meet the identified housing needs of the Gypsy and Traveller communities. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 650m and 1200m of the town centre which should reduce the need to travel. There are continuous pavements to the town centre. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	Dealing with climate change is a wide ranging policy challenge cutting across all parts of society and SA objectives. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR027)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	The site is not within flood zone 3. Use of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/i
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	There are TPOs adjacent to the site. The site comprises derelict buildings, hardstanding, amenity grassland and ornamental planting, it contains trees and species poor hedges. It has connectivity to woodlands and arable grassland via hedgerows. It has a low potential habitat for species apart from birds it can provide a potential breeding habitat for birds including those of conservation concern. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/i
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	This site is not in agricultural use so development for pitches may not result in the loss of best and most versatile agricultural land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR027)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	Development of the site for pitches may not enable any re-use of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	There are four listed buildings within 10m -90m of the site. Although dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/i
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	This is a previously developed site. Further assessment is required to identify any impact on landscape character. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective, although the exact effects are uncertain.	0/i
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the wider district. However, the increased population of the District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR027)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The site could deliver a minimum of 8 pitches and with access to a local centre, has scope for a positive effect on the vitality of the wider District resulting from new residents being expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The site could deliver a minimum of 8 pitches, however the opportunities for direct economic benefits would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is between 650m and 1200m of a local centre of a town centre and as such, would provide accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The site has the potential to bring forward 8 pitches and meet the identified housing needs of the Gypsy and Traveller communities and this is considered to have a positive effect. The development of this approx 0.4ha site is considered large enough to provide for adequate on site facilities for parking, storage, play and residential amenity. It is in close proximity to Biddulph centre which has a range of services/facilities employment access to bus services which is a positive impact. It has some biodiversity potential although the exact effects are uncertain. There are also listed buildings close to the site both of which lead to a negative impact.			

Table 15.305

TR028 Land adjacent (west off) Draycott Moor College, Draycott Old Road, Draycott in the Moors

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR028)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR028)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this approx 0.19ha site is considered insufficient to provide for adequate on site facilities for parking, storage, play and residential amenity for the number of pitches required in the Preferred Options consultation. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is adjacent to Draycott College and playing field. Medical centre, village hall and playing field are within 1.5km-1.6km. Blythe Bridge centre with shops, High School/6th Form and facilities is under 2km. There are 2 primary schools within 2.2km and Blythe Bridge railway station is approximately 2.4km.Forsbrook village centre is about 1.6km W (shops,chapel, pubs). Bus stop for regular 6A Hanley/Longton/Meir/Blythe Bridge route is about 1.56m (less frequent Fulford - Longton - Stone route 12 also stops here). There also a number of bus stops along the Uttoxeter Rd at Draycott. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The site is adjacent to playing fields and countryside and is within 1.5km -1.6km of a Medical Centre. The location of this site should provide residents with good access to the playing fields and open countryside and help to support healthy lifestyles. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information, consequently this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met?	The site has the potential to bring forward some but not all the pitches and help to meet the identified housing needs of the Gypsy	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR028)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	and Traveller communities. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 1.5km-1.6km of village centres of Blythe Bridge and Forsbrook and a bus route and 2.4km from Blythe Bridge train station. There are almost continuous pavements along Uttoxeter Rd (on at least one side of road) between Blythe Bridge Draycott/Upper Tean/Fole; and to north to Freehay and Cheadle.Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	Dealing with climate change is a wide ranging policy challenge cutting across all parts of society and SA objectives. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs?	The site is not within flood zone 3. Use of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/i

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR028)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?		
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	There are no known biodiversity constraints, site is poor semi improved grassland. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	0/i
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	This site is not in agricultural use so development for pitches may not result in the loss of best and most versatile agricultural land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	Development of the site for pitches may not enable any re-use of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and	Although dependent on proposal specific information, there is little scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	0/i

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR028)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?		
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	This site is part of the disused used Special School which is in the Green Belt. Further assessment is required to identify any impact on landscape character. It is relatively well related to the existing adjacent development. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective, although the exact effects are uncertain.	0/i
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the wider district. However, the increased population of the District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The site could deliver pitches and with access to a village centre, has scope for a positive effect on the vitality of the wider District resulting from new residents being expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The site could deliver pitches, however the opportunities for direct economic benefits would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 1.5km-1.6km of local centres and as such, would not provide readily accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative/neutral effect on this Objective.	-/0
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects:			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR028)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
This is a small site which has the potential to bring forward some pitches but not all the pitches required to meet the identified needs of the Gypsy and Traveller communities and this is considered to have a negative effect. It is approximately 1.5km form Blythe Bridge which has a range of services/facilities employment access to bus services which is a neutral impact. There are no known biodiversity or heritage constraints, and the site are not in agricultural use would not lead to a loss of agricultural land.			

Table 15.306

TR029 Land between 11 Whiston Eaves Lane and children's play area Whiston

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR029)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this approx 0.81ha site is considered sufficient to provide for adequate on site facilities for parking, storage, play and residential amenity. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	There are some facilities in Whiston. There is a play area and village hall immediately adjacent to the site. Churches and Whiston Hall and accommodation/ golf course on edges of village (within 600m). There is also a petrol station and pub in village which has been approved for other uses. However most services and facilities are some distance from the site. Froghall village around 2km distance with a pub and industrial works. Oakamoor is within 3.4km with facilities (shop, pubs, village hall, church). Kingsley Holt is within 3.7km (church,pub,rec ground) Kingsley is within a similar distance (village hall, primary school, playing fields, pub, shop).	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR029)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
		There is an infrequent bus route (no 31) serving Whiston via A52. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to the open countryside which would help to support healthy lifestyles however it is distant from healthcare facilities. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information, consequently this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	The site has the potential to bring forward a minimum of 8 pitches and help to meet the identified housing needs of the Gypsy and Traveller communities. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, there are some services in Whiston and some in the nearby settlements overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency?	Dealing with climate change is a wide ranging policy challenge cutting across all parts of society and SA objectives. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR029)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?		
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	The site is not within flood zone 3. Use of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/i
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	There are no known biodiversity constraints, the site is species poor semi improved grassland/hedgerows with scattered trees with fairly good connections to the wider countryside. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	0/i
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability?	This site has been assessed as greenfield and is considered to have an ALC classification of 4 so development for pitches may not result in the loss of best and most versatile agricultural land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR029)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?		
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	Development of the site for pitches may not enable any re-use of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	Although dependent on proposal specific information, there is little scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	0/i
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	This is a greenfield site. Further assessment is required to identify any impact on landscape character. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, although the exact effects are uncertain.	-/i
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the wider district. However, the increased population of the District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR029)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The site could deliver a minimum of 8 pitches and with access to a village centre, has scope for a positive effect on the vitality of the wider District resulting from new residents being expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The site could deliver 6 - 8 pitches, however the opportunities for direct economic benefits would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is close to some employment opportunities and has bus services to the wider area as such, would provide limited accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The site has the potential to bring forward 8 pitches and meet the identified housing needs of the Gypsy and Traveller communities and this is considered to have a positive effect. The development of this approx 0.8ha site is considered large enough to provide for adequate on site facilities for parking, storage, play and residential amenity. The are some services/facilities in Whiston with a larger range of services/facilities in the nearby centres at Froghall, Oakamoor and Kingsley between 2-3.7km. Access to employment nearby is limited. There is a limited bus service. Overall this has been assessed as having a neutral impact. There are no known biodiversity constraints			

Table 15.307

TR030 Land east of Leek High School Playing fields off Mount Road Leek

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR030)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR030)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this approx 3.13ha site is considered sufficient to provide for adequate on site facilities for parking, storage, play and residential amenity. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	+
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is adjacent to playing fields and under 750m from Moorlands Hospital. Springfield Road schools (First School/High School/Special School) and Asda supermarket are approximately 1100m The town centre is within 1100m-2200m with a range of shops, supermarkets, medical centres, community halls, bus station, further schools, churches etc). There is a frequent no. 18 bus service to Hanley which passes through Springfield Road; a less frequent routes (eg to Buxton and Ashbourne) along those roads. Other bus routes at Leek bus station (eg frequent Cheadle-Uttoxeter); and less frequent bus routes also from Leek to other parts of the District. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to the playing fields and open countryside and help to support healthy lifestyles. The site is within 750m of Moorlands Hospital and 1100-2200 of the town centre. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information, consequently this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met?	The site has the potential to bring forward 6 - 8 pitches and help to meet the identified housing needs of the Gypsy and Traveller	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR030)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	communities. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 1100-2200m of the town centre of Leek which should reduce the need to travel. Similarly, the site is within 1000m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	Dealing with climate change is a wide ranging policy challenge cutting across all parts of society and SA objectives. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	The site is not within flood zone 3. Use of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/i

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR030)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	There are no known biodiversity constraints,the site may support ground nesting birds. It is species poor semi improved grassland, broadleaved woodland and marshy grassland. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/i
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	This site is agricultural land grade 4 and so may not result in the loss of best and most versatile agricultural land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	Development of the site for pitches may not enable any re-use of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	Although dependent on proposal specific information, there is little scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	0/i
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness?	Further assessment is required to identify any impact on landscape character. The site is outside the built up area of the town in an area of countryside. Overall, this site has been	-/i

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR030)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, although the exact effects are uncertain.	
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the wider district. However, the increased population of the District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The site could deliver a minimum of 8 pitches and with access to a town centre, has scope for a positive effect on the vitality of the wider District resulting from new residents being expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The site could deliver 6 - 8 pitches, however the opportunities for direct economic benefits would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is on the edge of Leek with pubic transport links and within 750m of Moorlands Hospital and 1100-2200m of a town centre and as such, would provide accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects:			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR030)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
This is a large site has the potential to bring forward 8 pitches and meet the identified housing needs of the Gypsy and Traveller communities and this is considered to have a positive effect. The development of this approx 3.1ha site is considered large enough to provide for adequate on site facilities for parking, storage, play and residential amenity. The site is relatively close to Leek with a range of services /facilities access to public transport and employment opportunities and this is assessed as a positive impact. There are no known heritage or biodiversity constraints.			

Table 15.308

TR031 Ladderedge SCC Depot, Ladderedge Leek

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR031)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this approx 1.01ha site is considered sufficient to provide for adequate on site facilities for parking, storage, play and residential amenity. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment,	The site is adjacent to Country Park and golf course adjacent. Barnfields industrial estate is within 500m; Morrisons/B&M Homestore/petrol station and the Wallbridge precint shops are within approximately 1km; Leek town centre with a range of shops, supermarkets, bus station, community hall, churches, medical centres, college is within 1.45km-2.6km. Schools (first-, primary, middle, high- and special- within 0.9km - 3.5km. There are regular bus routes (such as no. 18 Hanley - Leek around 3 buses/hour) along A53; connections to other bus routes at Leek bus station (eg to Cheadle-Uttoxeter).	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR031)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	shopping and other key services and facilities.	Other less frequent bus routes also from Leek to other parts of the District. Bus stops adjacent to site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to the playing fields and open countryside and help to support healthy lifestyles. The site is within 1km of the town centre which has GP surgeries. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information, consequently this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	The site has the potential to bring a minimum of 8 pitches and help to meet the identified housing needs of the Gypsy and Traveller communities. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	The site is 500m from Barnfields industrial estate, 1km from Morrsons/B & M Homestore/petrol station and 1.45km-2.6km of Leek town centre. There is a regular and frequent bus service along the A53 with bus stops close to the site. There are continuous pavements to Leek centre and to Longson along the A53, more intermittent between Longson and Endon. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR031)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	Dealing with climate change is a wide ranging policy challenge cutting across all parts of society and SA objectives. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	The site is partially within flood zone 3 but. Use of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/i
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	There are no known biodiversity constraints, however the site is adjacent to a County Park and Caldon Canal, it is 15% planted broadleaved woodland. It is unlikely that the site would support protected species but great crested newts have been recorded adjacent to the site. The edge of the site may have some ecological value. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	0/i

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR031)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	This site is previously developed and is not in agricultural use so development for pitches may not result in the loss of best and most versatile agricultural land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	Development of the site for pitches may not enable any re-use of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	Although dependent on proposal specific information, there is little scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	0/i
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	This is a brownfield site within the built up area. Further assessment is required to identify any impact on landscape character. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, although the exact effects are uncertain.	0/i

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR031)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the wider district. However, the increased population of the District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The site could deliver a minimum of 8 pitches and with access to a town centre, has scope for a positive effect on the vitality of the wider District resulting from new residents being expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The site could deliver a minimum of 8 pitches, however the opportunities for direct economic benefits would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 500m of an industrial estate1km of a town centre and as such, would provide readily accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The site has the potential to bring forward 8 pitches and meet the identified housing needs of the Gypsy and Traveller communities and this is considered to have a positive effect. The development of this approx 1ha site is considered large enough to provide for adequate on site facilities for parking, storage, play and residential amenity. The site is relatively close to Leek with a range of services /facilities access to public transport and employment opportunities and this is assessed as a positive impact. There are no known heritage or biodiversity constraints on the site but it is next to the Country Park which has biodiversity value.			

Table 15.309

TR032 Land off Brooklands Way, Leekbrook

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR032)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this approx 8.13ha site is considered sufficient to provide for adequate on site facilities for parking, storage, play and residential amenity. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	+
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is approximately 3.1-4km from Leek town centre which has a range of shops and facilities. The Barnfields industrial area and supermarket are within 3.3km on foot, schools are 2.4km-5.2km. Cheddleton which is within 3.4km-3.7km has a some facilities (shops, first school,village hall, pubs, churches and playing fields). There is an infrequent bus service around Leekbrook - the circular 116, the 16 route Leek-Cheddleton_Werrington -Hanley passes through Leekbrook but the stop is approximately 1930m distant. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to the open countryside and help to support healthy lifestyles. However the site is more than 1200m from a GPs surgery. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information, consequently this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR032)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	The site has the potential to bring a minimum of 8 pitches and help to meet the identified housing needs of the Gypsy and Traveller communities. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is distant the nearest settlements - Leek and Cheddleton - with limited public transport. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	-
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	Dealing with climate change is a wide ranging policy challenge cutting across all parts of society and SA objectives. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs?	Use of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/i

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR032)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?		
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is of ecological importance. Most of the site falls within the Twinney Wood and Grassland County level Site of Biological Importance. The parts of the site outside this area are wooded and may also have some ecological value. It is connected to a scrub/broadleaved woodland mosaic and stream/associated riparian habitat. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/i
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	This is a greenfield and is not in agricultural use so development for pitches may not result in the loss of best and most versatile agricultural land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	Development of the site for pitches may not enable any re-use of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and	Although dependent on proposal specific information, there is little scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	0/i

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR032)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?		
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	This is a greenfield site. Further assessment is required to identify any impact on landscape character. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, although the exact effects are uncertain.	-/i
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the wider district. However, the increased population of the District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The site could deliver a minimum of 8 pitches and with access to a village centre, has scope for a positive effect on the vitality of the wider District resulting from new residents being expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The site could deliver a minimum of 8 pitches, however the opportunities for direct economic benefits would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 5km of a town centre and as such, would not provide readily accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects:			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR032)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
This is a large site which has the potential to bring forward 8 pitches and meet the identified housing needs of the Gypsy and Traveller communities and this is considered to have a positive effect. The development of this approx 8.13ha site is considered large enough to provide for adequate on site facilities for parking, storage, play and residential amenity. The site is some distance from to Leek/Cheddleton and services/facilities and employment opportunities, there is a bus but not in close proximity to the site. This is considered to have a negative impact. It has biodiversity importance most of it being within a SBI. In addition, the location of this greenfield site requires further assessment to identify any impact on landscape character.			

Table 15.310

TR033 Triangular field by Old Quarry Works Uttoxeter Road Blythe Bridge

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR033)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this approx 0.44ha site is considered sufficient to provide for adequate on site facilities for parking, storage, play and residential amenity. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	+
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	Bus services from Blythe Bridge to Longton & Hanley bus stop 500m from site.Services to Fulford Stallington & Longton bus stop 700m. Blythe Bridge close by within approx 650m village hall medical centre & playing fields. Approx 1km distance is shops library & schools. Railway station 1.4km Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR033)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to the playing fields and open countryside and help to support healthy lifestyles. The site is within 650m of a medical centre. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information, consequently this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	The site has the potential to bring forward a minimum of 8 pitches and help to meet the identified housing needs of the Gypsy and Traveller communities. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is close to Blythe Bridge and public transport links which should reduce the need to travel by car. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	Dealing with climate change is a wide ranging policy challenge cutting across all parts of society and SA objectives. However the site is close Blythe Bridge, it does have access to the public transport network, and this may help to avoid an increase in the need to travel by car. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR033)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	The site is not within flood zone 3. Use of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/i
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	There are no known biodiversity constraints, Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	0/i
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	This is greenfield site in the Green Belt may not result in the loss of best and most versatile agricultural land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	Development of the site for pitches may not enable any re-use of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR033)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	Although dependent on proposal specific information, there is little scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	0/i
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	This is a greenfield site in the Green Belt. Further assessment is required to identify any impact on landscape character. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, although the exact effects are uncertain.	-/i
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the wider district. However, the increased population of the District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The site could deliver a minimum of 8 pitches and with access to a village centre, has scope for a positive effect on the vitality of the wider District resulting from new residents being expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The site could deliver a minimum of 8 pitches, however the opportunities for direct economic benefits would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (TR033)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is close to employment opportunities and has bus/train services to the wider area as such, would provide accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The site has the potential to bring forward 8 pitches and meet the identified housing needs of the Gypsy and Traveller communities and this is considered to have a positive effect. The development of this approx 0.44ha site is considered large enough to provide for adequate on site facilities for parking, storage, play and residential amenity. The site is close to Blythe Bridge which has a range of services/facilities including a train station. This is considered to have a positive impact. There are no known biodiversity constraints. . In addition, the location of this greenfield site in the Green Belt requires further assessment to identify any impact on landscape character.			

Table 15.311

Additional site appraised following July 2017 consultation

"The Acres", Windycote Lane, Dilhorne

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site ("The Acres") ...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	SOCIAL		
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this approx 0.8ha site is considered sufficient to provide for adequate on site facilities for parking, storage, play and residential amenity. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site ("The Acres") ...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is over 2000m of the centre of Werrington which has a range of services including shops, medical centre Village Hall, library and Primary School. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to open spaces and help to support healthy lifestyles. The site is over 2000m of a medical centre. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the precise effects are uncertain.	+/?
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information, consequently this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	The site has the potential to bring forward a minimum of 8 pitches and help to meet the identified housing needs of the Gypsy and Traveller communities. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is remote from services and facilities and from the public transport network which is not likely to help reduce the need to travel by car. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
ENVIRONMENTAL			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site ("The Acres") ...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	Dealing with climate change is a wide ranging policy challenge cutting across all parts of society and SA objectives. However the site is remote and does not have good access to the public transport network, and this may help to increase the need to travel by car. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	The site is not within flood zones 2 or 3 and so could be expected to be not at risk of flooding. Use of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	There are no known biodiversity constraints however ecological survey is required. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	0/i
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability?	This greenfield site in the Green Belt is indicated on Natural England's predictive map of best and most versatile agricultural land as having "moderate" (20-60% area bmv) likelihood and may result in the loss of best and most versatile agricultural land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site ("The Acres") ...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?		
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	Development of the site for pitches may not enable any re-use of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 500m of a grade ii listed asset and development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of this heritage asset. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain. Heritage impact assessment is required.	-/i
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	This is a greenfield site in the Green Belt. Further assessment is required to identify any impact on landscape character. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, although the exact effects are uncertain.	-/i
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the wider district. However, the increased population of the District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site ("The Acres") ...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The site could deliver a minimum of 8 pitches but with limited access to a village centre, has reduced scope for a positive effect on the vitality of the wider District resulting from new residents being expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The site could deliver a minimum of 8 pitches, however the opportunities for direct economic benefits would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is remote from employment opportunities and the public transport network and as such, would not provide accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The site has the potential to bring forward 8 pitches and meet the identified housing needs of the Gypsy and Traveller communities and this is considered to have a significant positive effect. The development of this approx 0.8ha site is considered large enough to provide for adequate on site facilities for parking, storage, play and residential amenity and this is also considered a positive effect. However the site is remote from a range of services and facilities including the public transport network and this is considered to have a negative effect. Similarly the proximity to heritage assets and location of the site, indicated on Natural England's predictive map of best and most versatile agricultural land as having "moderate" (20-60% area bmv) likelihood of resulting in the loss of best and most versatile agricultural land are considered likely to lead to negative effects. Ecological survey is required. In addition, the location of this greenfield site in the Green Belt requires further assessment to identify any impact on landscape character.			

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15.8 Additional site appraisals July 2017

15.8.1 Leek

ADD09 (Leekbrook) for employment use

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (ADD09)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this greenfield site could be expected to have an effect on the Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located within 400m of the village centre but has insufficient services and facilities to meet the needs of the community. It should be noted that Leekbrook does not have a primary or secondary school. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide employees with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. It should be noted that Leekbrook does not have a GP surgery. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development could include aspects of good design which could	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (ADD09)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
		help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	This site has been proposed for employment uses with regards to this assessment. Therefore the development would provide no housing. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the village centre of Leekbrook as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However, the site is within 400m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant neutral effect on this objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (ADD09)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?		
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is within 1,000m of Combes Valley SSSI, the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have a potential effect on this asset. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain. Further ecological study should be undertaken.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been indicated on Natural England's predictive map of Best and Most Versatile land as having a "Moderate" (20 - 60% area bmv) of being predictive BMV land so development of this site may result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site could not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and	The site is within 400m from one grade II listed asset. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of historical heritage assets and their setting. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (ADD09)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?		
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be within 1,000m from Combes Valley SSSI and could increase external pressures on this site. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed employment use of this site provides scope for the development of this site to have a positive effect on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district, however this is dependent on proposal specific information. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of an employment site close to the village centre has the scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Leekbrook and the wider District, as new employment could be expected to increase footfall in the nearby town centre. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this objective.	++
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site and the proposed employment use of the site could be considered to have a positive effect on businesses and the residents of Leekbrook as it could strengthen and diversify the economy. Overall, this has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is close to areas of proposed and existing local employment provision as well as new employment provision generated by this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this objective.	++

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (ADD09)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The development of new employment premises should have a significant positive effect on the vitality and viability of the District, strengthen economic growth and support a higher level of employment within the District. The site's accessibility to open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is relatively inaccessible to services and facilities which is likely to have a significant negative effect. The development of greenfield, potentially BMV land, is assessed as being a negative effect, as could the site's proximity to historic assets.			

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LE154 Adams Foods

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (LE154)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	As the site is located on the edge of the town centre of Leek it could be considered that the redevelopment of this previously developed site could make a positive contribution to the social and environmental quality of the town centre. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	Given the edge of town centre location of this site, it can be considered that the site would be in relatively proximity to a wide range of key services and facilities. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (LE154)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The site is within 800m of a GP surgery and a number of areas of open space within the town. The residential development of this should also have a positive effect on health, as would the nearby open space area to the east of the site. However, it should be noted that the supply of health care services and facilities is currently adequate but is expected to be outstripped by future demand which may require additional investment through, for example, developer contributions. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development could include aspects of good design which could help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 60 dwellings and could contribute to meeting the housing need of the District. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	The town centre location of this site means that it is within 500m of a number of bus stops as well as a range of other services and facilities. It could be considered that The site could have a positive effect on walking and cycling given the proximity of open space to the site. Overall, the site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 400m of the town centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (LE154)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?		
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site could not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is over 500m away from Brough Park Fields (LNR) and, as such, is considered to have no effect on this asset. There are areas of mature woodland in the west of the site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability?	The site has been assessed as being a brownfield site, similarly it is classified as urban ALC land. As such, the development of this site could avoid the loss of best and most versatile agricultural land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (LE154)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?		
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development could incorporate sustainable materials. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m of one grade II listed asset. It is considered that the development of this site might affect the setting of this asset. It should be noted that the site is within 400m of Leek Conservation Area which has been placed on the Heritage at Risk register by Historic England. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site could avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and could reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be limited effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact upon the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	Given the proposed employment use of this site and its location, there is scope that the site could support opportunities for investment in culture and tourism and should have a positive effect on the local economy. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural regeneration. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
ECONOMIC			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (LE154)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed loss of an employment site within the town centre has the scope to have a negative effect on the vitality and viability of Leek and the wider District. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site and the proposed loss of employment use of the site could be considered to have a negative effect on businesses and the residents of Leek. Overall, this has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	Development of the site for residential use would result in the loss of an area of potential employment within the town. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 60 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as is avoidance of the loss of best and most versatile agricultural land and the edge of town centre location. However, the site's proximity to historic assets and mature woodland is likely to have a negative effect, as is the loss of potential employment use.			

Table 15.314

LE138 Land at Macclesfield Road

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE138)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE138)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The site is outside the current settlement boundary of Leek. The development of this site, a greenfield site that is not well related to the existing town could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	As noted, the site is 500 metres by road from the existing town boundary with the Cricket Club separating the two. The site is more than 1,200m away from the town centre which could result in existing services and facilities being inaccessible. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to the open countryside and help to support healthy lifestyles. However, the site is in excess of 1,200m of a GP surgery. However, it should be noted that the supply of health care services and facilities is currently adequate but is expected to be outstripped by future demand which may require additional investment through, for example, developer contributions. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development could include aspects of good design which could help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE138)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of the registered area of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 25 dwellings, and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is further than 1,200m of the town centre of Leek, which could be expected to increase the need to travel within the town. However, it is adjacent to the open countryside. Similarly, the site is on the A523 which has a number of bus stops and services serving it. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. Similarly, the site is more than 1,200m of the town centre and could increase the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site could not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE138)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? ● Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?		
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	● Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? ● Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? ● Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is approx 1,200m from Brough Park Fields (LNR) and Back Hills and Abbey Woods SBI, the nearest designated assets, and as such, it is considered that development could have no effect on these assets. The site is agricultural grassland with trees along the road frontage - ecological assessment will be required. New housing development in Leek could increase recreational pressure and air pollution effects (from increased road traffic) potentially resulting in impact on European sites. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	● Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? ● Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? ● Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? ● Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? ● Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. Similarly, the land is indicated on the predictive map of Best and Most Versatile agricultural land as within an area where over 60% of the land is likely to be BMV, so development of this site could result in the loss of best and most versatile land. The site is within a mineral safeguarding area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	● Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? ● Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? ● Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site could not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	● Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and undesignated assets) along with their settings? ● Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns	The site is within 500m of a grade II listed asset - a boundary stone. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is little scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of this heritage asset or its setting. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	0/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE138)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?		
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site could avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and could reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Further assessment is required. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	0/?
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district. However, the increased population of both the town and District may have a positive effect. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural regeneration although its location adjacent to the open countryside could detract from this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Leek and the wider District, however the Leek town centre is not easily accessible from the site which may reduce the effect on this objective. Overall, this has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this could be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels?	The site is over 1,000m to existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, could fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE138)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?		
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 25 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, location outside flood zones 2 or 3 is also likely to lead to positive effects. However, the development of greenfield land indicated on the predictive map of Best and Most Versatile agricultural land as within an area where over 60% of the land is likely to be BMV, could have a significant negative effect. Similarly, the site is relatively inaccessible to services, facilities and areas of existing employment. New housing development in Leek could increase recreational pressure and air pollution effects (from increased road traffic) potentially resulting in impact on European sites. Further assessment is required to identify potential for ecological or landscape impacts.			

Table 15.315

15.8.2 Biddulph

Part of BD143 Land between Brook Street and BVW (Victoria Colliery)

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (Victoria Colliery)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The site is located outside of the existing town boundary. The development of greenfield land within the open countryside could reduce the quality of the Green Infrastructure of the Town. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	As noted, the site is located outside of the settlement boundary on the south west edge of Biddulph. The site is more than 1,000m away from the town centre which could result in existing services and facilities being inaccessible. It should be noted that education facilities and services within the town have adequate supply at present but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The site's location would provide good access to areas of open space and the countryside which could help to support healthy lifestyles. However, the site is more than 1,000m from a GP surgery. It should be noted that supply for health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and this is expected to worsen in the future without additional investment. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (Victoria Colliery)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA assessment this site might accommodate up to 100 dwellings depending on the site boundary. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted, the site is more than 1,000m from the town centre of Biddulph and a GP surgery this could be expected to increase the need to travel. However, the site is near to the open country side and an area of open space and a number of bus stops. Similarly, the development of this site may lead to the provision of additional public transport services. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However, the site is more than 1,000m from the town centre and could increase the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (Victoria Colliery)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. However it is considered that surface water may be an issue on site that would need to be addressed via FRA. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this objective.	0
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is over 1,500m from Whitfield Valley (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have no effect on this asset. Ecological assessment is required. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been indicated on Natural England's predictive map of Best and Most Versatile land as having a "Moderate" (20 - 60% area bmv) of being predictive BMV land so development of this site may result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic	The site is more than 400m away from any heritage asset, the nearest asset is grade II* listed Knypersley Hall which is circa 1000m to the	+/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (Victoria Colliery)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	north east of the site. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is limited scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of this heritage asset. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and would reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The potential residential use of this site provides limited scope for the development of this site to have a positive effect on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district, however this is dependent on proposal specific information. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Biddulph and the wider District. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	+
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels?	The site is within 500m of local employment provision and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (Victoria Colliery)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 100 dwellings should have a significant positive effect. The site is also accessible to areas of employment which is likely to have a positive effect. However, the greenfield nature of this site and its location outside of the settlement boundary, coupled with its potential ecological value and relationship to the Biddulph Valley Way could have a negative effect.			

Table 15.316

Land at BD116 (Land west of Biddulph Valley Way)

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (Land at BD116)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	SOCIAL		
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The site is located outside the settlement boundary. The development of this greenfield site could reduce the quality of Green Infrastructure of the Town. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage	Given the location of this site in relation to the town centre (within 800m) it can be considered that the site would be in proximity to a wide range of key services and facilities. For example, the site is in proximity to Biddulph Valley Leisure Centre and Kingsfield First	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (Land at BD116)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	/ civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	School. It should be noted that education facilities and services within the town have adequate supply at present but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to the nearby open space, the Biddulph Valley Way and countryside which should help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 800m of a GP surgery. It should be noted that supply for health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and this is expected to worsen in the future without additional investment. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 80 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 800m of the town centre of Biddulph and a GP surgery and it is adjacent to the Biddulph Valley Way. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (Land at BD116)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However, the site is within 800m of the town centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. However there may be limited areas of surface water flooding on site currently. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is over 1,750m from Gannister Quarry SSSI, the nearest designated asset and, as such, is considered to have no effect on these assets. Ecological assessment is required. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability?	The site has been assessed as being a greenfield, it has also been indicated on Natural England's predictive map of Best and Most Versatile land as having a "Moderate" (20 - 60% area bmv) of being predictive BMV land so development of this site may result in the loss of best and most versatile land. It is considered that the land may	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (Land at BD116)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	have formerly been used for open cast mining. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The nearest historical asset is circa 500m south east from the site. Given the distance of the site form this asset, there is limited scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of this heritage asset. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and would reduce external pressures on these sites. However given the location of the site, it is considered that effects on landscape character would be likely. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district. However, the increased population of both the town and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (Land at BD116)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good potential access to the town centre of Biddulph has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Biddulph and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 800m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The site's proximity to services, facilities and existing areas of employment and proposed delivery of circa 80 dwellings should have a significant positive effect. However there is scope that development of this site could have negative effects due to the site's potential ecological value, its contribution to the Biddulph Valley Way and impacts on landscape character.			

Table 15.317

BD011 (Land at rear of Meadowstile Caravan Park)

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD011)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality?	The site is located outside of the existing town boundary. The development of greenfield land within the open countryside could reduce the quality of the Green Infrastructure of the Town. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD011)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?		
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	As noted, the site is located outside of the settlement boundary on the south west edge of Biddulph. The site is more than 1,000m away from the town centre which could result in existing services and facilities being inaccessible. It should be noted that education facilities and services within the town have adequate supply at present but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The site's location would provide good access to areas of open space and the countryside which could help to support healthy lifestyles. However, the site is more than 1,000m from a GP surgery. It should be noted that supply for health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and this is expected to worsen in the future without additional investment. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA assessment this site might accommodate up to 100 dwellings depending on the site boundary. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion?	As noted, the site is more than 1,000m from the town centre of Biddulph and a GP surgery this could be expected to increase the	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD011)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	need to travel. However, the site is near to the open country side and an area of open space and a number of bus stops. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However, the site is more than 1,000m from the town centre and could increase the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this objective.	0
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites?	The site is over 2,000m from Whitfield Valley (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have no effect on this asset. Ecological assessment is required. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD011)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?		
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been indicated on Natural England's predictive map of Best and Most Versatile land as having a "Moderate" (20 - 60% area bmv) of being predictive BMV land so development of this site may result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is more than 400m away from any heritage asset, the nearest asset is grade II* listed Knypersley Hall which is circa 1000m to the north east of the site. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is limited scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of this heritage asset. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness?	The site would avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and would reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD011)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The potential residential use of this site provides limited scope for the development of this site to have a positive effect on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district, however this is dependent on proposal specific information. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Biddulph and the wider District. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	+
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 500m of local employment provision and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 100 dwellings should have a significant positive effect. The site is also accessible to areas of employment which is likely to have a positive effect. However, the greenfield nature of this site and its location outside of the settlement boundary, coupled with its potential ecological value and relationship to the Biddulph Valley Way could have a negative effect.			

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BD138c (Marsh Green Nursery)

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD138c)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The site borders the settlement boundary of Biddulph but is outside of the boundary. The development of this site, a greenfield site that is set within the open countryside, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	As noted, the site is outside of the settlement boundary of Biddulph. The site would be within 800m of a wide range of services and facilities but not within 400m of the town centre of Biddulph. It should be noted that education facilities and services within the town have adequate supply at present but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site, on the border of the settlement boundary, should provide residents with good access to the open countryside and help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 1,200m of a GP surgery and is close to the Biddulph Valley Way. It should be noted that supply for health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and this is expected to worsen in the future without additional investment. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD138c)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
		to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 85 dwellings, and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 800m of the town centre of Biddulph and 1,200m of a GP surgery and within the open countryside which should reduce the need to travel within the town. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However, the site is within 800m of the town centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. However there are considered to be existing surface water issues on site. The development of this site could lead to an increase in	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD138c)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is within 1,000m of Biddulph Valley Way (Whitemoor) (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered that development is likely to have limited effect on this asset. Ecological assessment is required. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	0/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been indicated on Natural England's predictive map of Best and Most Versatile land as being predictive "urban" land so development of this site may not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and	The site is within 700m of one grade II* listed asset, the Church of St. Lawrence and Coffin Lids and Benches and three grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is limited scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	0/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD138c)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?		
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and would reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site within the important landscape setting to the settlement, it is considered that there would be scope for effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district. However, the increased population of both the town and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Biddulph and the wider District. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 600m of local employment provision and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects:			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD138c)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
The proposed delivery of circa 85 dwellings should have a significant positive effect. The site is also accessible to existing services, facilities and areas of employment which is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site's location in the wider countryside and important landscape setting to the settlement are considered to have a significant negative effect.			

Table 15.319

BD104 (Land between Meadows Way and Tunstall Road)

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD104)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The site is located within the settlement boundary and the redevelopment of this greenfield site could help to improve the social and environmental quality of the town centre. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	Given the town centre location of this site, it can be considered that the site would be in proximity to a wide range of key services and facilities. For example, the site is in proximity to James Bateman Junior High School and Knypersley High School. It should be noted that education facilities and services within the town have adequate supply at present but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. It should be noted that education facilities and services within the town have adequate supply at present but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD104)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to the nearby open space and countryside which should help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 800m of a GP surgery. However, it should be noted that this site is adjacent to one of the most deprived LSOAs in Staffordshire Moors, Biddulph East, which is in the most deprived 20% in England. It should be noted that supply for health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and this is expected to worsen in the future without additional investment. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 10 dwellings and also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 800m of the town centre of Biddulph and a GP surgery and near to the open countryside this should reduce the need to travel within the town. Similarly, the site is located near to a number of bus stops. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However, the site is within 400m of the town centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD104)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?		
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding however there is some known surface water flooding on site. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is over 2,000m from Roe Park Woods SSSI, the nearest designated asset and, as such, is considered to have no effect on these assets. No site specific ecological study has been undertaken. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability?	The site has been assessed as being a greenfield site, However, the land has also been indicated on Natural England's predictive map of Best and Most Versatile land as being predictive "urban" land so development of this site may not result in the loss of best and most versatile land.. As such, the development of this site would avoid the loss of best and most versatile agricultural land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD104)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?		
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	The development of this brownfield and greenfield site could enable the re-use of existing buildings within the town centre. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development could incorporate sustainable materials. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m of seven grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and would reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there would be limited effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district. However, the increased population of both the town and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BD104)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the town centre of Biddulph has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Biddulph and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 500m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The site should deliver a quantum of housing, circa 20 dwellings which is likely to have a significant positive effect, as could the location of the site with regard to its proximity to services and facilities and areas of existing employment as well as the positive effect on the landscape. The site is located within the settlement boundary and has good accessibility to health care services and facilities. However, its proximity to heritage assets would have a negative effect.			

Table 15.320

15.8.3 Villages

Blackshaw Moor

OC050 Anzio Camp

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (OC050)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a brownfield site that is outside of the proposed infill boundary could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located 1km south of the village, but has insufficient services and facilities to meet the needs of the community. It should be noted that Blackshaw Moor does not have a secondary school. The nearest service centre is Leek, 2 miles to the south. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. It should be noted that Blackshaw Moor does not have a GP surgery. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (OC050)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on Core Strategy Policy SS6c, it is considered that the site could accommodate some dwellings and extra care facilities. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within open countryside with no services in close proximity. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (OC050)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. The development could also be expected to lead to increased water demand within the District. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is more than 1,250m from Thorncliffe Moor SSSI, the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is not considered to have an effect on this asset. The site is adjacent to an SBI to the north east. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on brownfield land and development of this site is not likely result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	There is scope to enable the re-use of existing buildings or that the development could use sustainable materials or increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic	The site is within 400m of a grade ii listed asset (milepost). Dependent on proposal specific information, there is limited scope	+/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (OC050)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of this heritage asset and its setting. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be more than 1,250m of Thorncliffe Moor SSSI and would not increase external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that effects on landscape character and the setting of the Peak District National Park are likely. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the South West Peak National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	A mixed use of this site in line with Core Strategy policy may support investment in culture and tourism. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed mixed use development of a site close to the village centre of Blackshaw Moor has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Blackshaw Moor and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (OC050)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	Mixed use development may support some employment opportunities. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of some housing and extra care units is considered to have a positive effect, as could the site's accessibility to areas of open space and possible contribution to investment in tourism. However the site is inaccessible to services and facilities which is likely to have a significant negative effect, as is the potential impact on landscape character and the setting of the Peak District National Park. Similarly the proximity to an SBI is likely to lead to negative effects.			

Blythe Bridge and Forsbrook

Northern Gateway Opportunity Site (Identified in Core Strategy as Policy SS8 Blythe Bridge Regional Investment Site) - potential mixed use including residential

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (Northern Gateway Opportunity Site)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	SOCIAL		
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	Large scale opportunity site located on greenfield land either side of the A50 to the south of Blythe Bridge and inside the settlement boundary. Development could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (Northern Gateway Opportunity Site)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village, it is around 1,000m of the village centre and the range of services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective residents or users of the site. Depending on site specific proposals, a mixed use scheme might deliver improved access to jobs and services for existing and new residents. It should be noted that the current supply of educational and community services and facilities is currently exceeding demand and is expected to do so for the foreseeable future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 1,000m of a GP surgery. There is opportunity for the site to contribute to the development of green infrastructure to support health and well-being. It should be noted that the current supply of health care services and facilities is currently exceeding demand and is expected to do so for the foreseeable future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on initial masterplan proposals for this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 360 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 1,000m of the village centre of Blythe Bridge and Forsbrook as well as being adjacent to areas of open space. Whilst the site is within 500m of a bus stop and 1,200m of a train station, allocation is not likely to contribute to helping minimise an increase in car journeys. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (Northern Gateway Opportunity Site)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 1,000m of the village centre and the nearest main service centre is Cheadle 5 miles away. The location of the site is likely to encourage journeys being made by car. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	The western boundary of the site is adjacent to a flood zone 2 and 3 area and, as such, it may be considered that the site would need to address risk from flooding. The development of a greenfield site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. The development could also be expected to lead to an increased is water demand within the District. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	0/?
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is more than 4,000m from Coyney Woods (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have no effect on this asset. There are a number of ponds and mature trees on site. Ecological assessment is required. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been indicated on Natural England's predictive map of Best and Most Versatile land as having a "High" (over 60% area bmv) of being predictive BMV land so development of	--

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (Northern Gateway Opportunity Site)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	this site may result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	There is one designated heritage asset (Grade II listed) within 500m of the site. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is limited scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of this heritage asset and its setting.Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	0/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be more than 4,000m of Coyney Woods (LNR). Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. The northern part of the site is within the important landscape setting to settlement. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential and mixed use of this site provides scope for investment in culture and tourism within the district and the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (Northern Gateway Opportunity Site)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential and mixed use site with a good strategic location considered to have regional significance has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of the wider District. Overall, this has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure and is considered an excellent employment location for premium uses. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	This is a large site with good access to the strategic road network with opportunity to provide both new homes and employment opportunities, including for premium uses. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 360 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's good strategic location (with regional significance) has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of the wider District and could encourage investment in people, jobs and infrastructure. However, the development of greenfield land, partly within the important landscape setting to the settlement, and indicated on the predictive map of Best and Most Versatile land as an area where more than 60% of the land is likely to be BMV, is assessed as having a significant negative effect, similarly the potential ecological value of the site and the effects on climate change resulting from the likelihood of the location supporting journeys made by car are assessed as negative.			

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Froghall

OC001 Bolton Copperworks

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (OC001)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
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1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this major developed rural site that is outside of the proposed infill boundary could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located within 500m of the village core of Froghall, but the village has insufficient services and facilities to meet the needs of the community. However a mixed use development is proposed. It should be noted that Froghall does not have a secondary school. The nearest service centre is Cheadle, 4km to the south. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. It should be noted that Froghall does not have a GP surgery. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met?	Based on Core Strategy Policy SS6c, it is considered that the site could accommodate 50 dwellings. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (OC001)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?		
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within open countryside with no services in close proximity. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective. Highway improvements and traffic calming measures will be required. It will be important to maximise opportunities to develop green infrastructure.	-
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	The masterplan shows development on land in Flood Zones 2 and 3. It also shows a diversion of Black Brook and the breaking out of the brook from its existing culvert. Site remediation and potential ground water contamination need to be addressed. The development could be expected to lead to increased water demand within the District. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this objective. There will need to be a creative approach to flood risk potentially locating car parking, employment	--

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (OC001)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
		and visitor attractions within the flood zones to make most effective use of available land.	
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is adjacent to Churnet Valley SSSI (including ancient woodland) the nearest designated asset, and potential effects on this asset need to be considered. The site is also adjacent to Harston Hill SBI Froghall Wharf to the north east. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on brownfield land and development of this site is not likely result in the loss of best and most versatile land. However whilst the scale and nature of contamination on the site resulting from its previous use remains uncertain, it is considered to be a high risk in some areas. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	There is scope to enable the re-use of existing buildings or that the development could use sustainable materials or increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	There is one Grade II Listed Building within the site boundary and an additional five Listed Buildings in the 400m buffer. The Caldon Canal Conservation Area is adjacent to the northern boundary of the site. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of these heritage assets and their settings. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (OC001)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site is located within the Churnet Valley, a high quality natural environment. There are areas of woodland and tree belts within the site, particularly in the south. Given the location of the site, it is considered that effects on landscape character are likely. Proposal specific information is required to assess the significance of any impact and identify any mitigation measures. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	A mixed use of this site in line with Core Strategy policy may support investment in culture and tourism. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed mixed use development of a site close to the village centre of Froghall has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of the rural economy and the wider District, as new residents and visitors could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure, including through the delivery of new employment, leisure and tourist-related retail and accommodation facilities. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	Mixed use development may support some new employment opportunities. The existing Thomas Bolton operation on site should be safeguarded. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects:			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (OC001)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
The proposed delivery of a mixed use development including the potential for housing, employment, leisure and tourist-related retail and accommodation is considered to have a significant positive effect, as could the site's accessibility to areas of open space and possible contribution to investment in tourism. Re-development of a previously developed site, now under-used, is also considered to have positive effects. However the site is inaccessible to services and facilities which is likely to have a significant negative effect, as is the potential impact on landscape character and heritage assets. Similarly the proximity to a SSSI and SBI and proposals for development on land in Flood Zones 2 and 3 are likely to lead to negative effects.			

Werrington and Cellarhead

WE042 WE043: Land off Tregaron Court/Langton Court

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WE042/WE043) ...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is set outside of the settlement boundary, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located within 800m of the village centre and the range of services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective residents of the site. It should be noted that the current supply of educational services and facilities currently exceeds demand and is expected to do so for the foreseeable future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WE042/WE043) ...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 800m of a GP surgery. It should be noted that the current supply of health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and the situation is likely to worsen in the future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 105 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 800m of the village centre of Werrington and Cellarhead and a GP surgery as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 800m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WE042/WE043) ...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?		
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. The development could also be expected to lead to increased water demand within the District. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is within 500m from Wetley Moor SSSI, the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have an effect on this asset. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain. Ecological survey is required.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been indicated on Natural England's predictive map of Best and Most Versatile land as having a "moderate" likelihood (20- 60% area bmv) of being predictive BMV land so development of this site may result in the loss of best and most versatile	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WE042/WE043) ...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 100m of the grade II listed asset Ash Hall. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of this historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be within 500m of Wetley Moor SSSI and would increase external pressures on this sites. The site is within the area considered to be important landscape setting to the settlement. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WE042/WE043) ...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Werrington and Cellarhead has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Werrington and Cellarhead and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,500m from existing areas of employment within the village or District and, as such, would fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 105 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services and facilities and areas of open space is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is inaccessible to areas of existing employment which would have a significant negative effect, as would the site's proximity to designated assets. Similarly, the development of greenfield land with the potential for loss of best and most versatile agricultural land and the site's proximity to historic assets is assessed as having a negative effect.			

Table 15.322

15.9 Additional site appraisals December 2017

15.9.1 Leek

LE219 (Eaton House, Buxton Road) - Residential / Mixed use

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE219)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	As the site is located on the edge of the town centre of Leek it could be considered that the redevelopment of this mixed brownfield site could help to improve the social and environmental quality of the town centre. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	Given the edge of town centre location of this site, it can be considered that the site would be in relative proximity to a wide range of key services and facilities. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The site is within 800m of a GP surgery and a number of areas of open space within the town, including Birch Gardens Park. The residential or mixed use development of this should have a positive effect on health. However, it should be noted that the supply of health care services and facilities is currently adequate but is expected to be outstripped by future demand which may require additional investment through, for example, developer contributions. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE219)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development could include aspects of good design which could help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 10 dwellings as part of a mixed use scheme or 15 dwellings for residential use only and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	The town centre location of this site means that it is within 500m of a number of bus stops as well as a range of other services and facilities. It could be considered that the site could have a positive effect on walking and cycling given the proximity of open space to the site. Overall, the site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 400m of the town centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE219)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site could not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is over 500m away from Brough Park Fields (LNR) and, as such, is considered to have no effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) notes that the site has very low biodiversity value overall with extremely poor connectivity to the wider countryside, is set within an urban environment and only has one tree and species poor amenity grassland with no connectivity to the wider countryside. However, the tree and building have some potential to support roosting bats therefore the site is attributed some ecological value. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	The site has been assessed as being a brownfield site, similarly it is classified as urban ALC land. As such, the development of this site could avoid the loss of best and most versatile agricultural land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	The development of this brownfield site could enable the re-use of existing buildings within the town centre. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development could incorporate sustainable materials. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE219)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m of one grade II* listed asset and 10 grade II listed assets. It is considered that the development of this site could affect the setting of these assets. It should be noted that the site is within 400m of Leek Conservation Area which has previously been placed on the Heritage at Risk register by Historic England. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site could avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and could reduce external pressures on these sites. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be limited effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact upon the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	Given the proposed residential or mixed use of this site and its location, there is scope that the site could support opportunities for investment in culture and tourism and should have a positive effect on the local economy. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural regeneration. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed loss of an employment site within the town centre has the scope to have an effect on the vitality and viability of Leek and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall in the nearby town centre, however employment opportunities may be lost. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this objective although exact effects are uncertain.	0/?
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site and the proposed loss of all or some employment use of the site could be considered to have a negative effect on businesses and the residents of Leek as it could lead to loss of job opportunities. Overall, this has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site(LE219)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 500m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, could provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents as well as potentially new employment provision on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 15 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space and the town centre with its range of services and facilities, including employment opportunities is likely to have a positive effect. As is the re-use of previously developed land and low biodiversity value of the site. However the proposed loss of all or some employment use of the site could be considered to have a negative effect on businesses and the residents of Leek as it could lead to loss of job opportunities, this is likely to have a negative effect, as is the site's proximity to heritage assets. An applicant should be required to provide an NPPF compliant heritage statement.			

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15.9.2 Biddulph

Land at Coppice Wood

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (Land at Coppice Wood)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The site borders the settlement boundary of Biddulph but is outside of the boundary. The development of this site, a greenfield site that is part of linear woodland, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	Whilst the site is located on the outside of the settlement boundary, it is within 1,500m of the town centre and the wide range of key services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective residents of the site. It should be noted that education facilities and services within the town have adequate supply at present but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site, outside of the settlement boundary, should provide residents with good access to the open countryside and help to support healthy lifestyles. However, the site is more than 1,200m from a GP surgery. It should be noted that supply for health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and this is expected to worsen in the future without additional investment. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (Land at Coppice Wood)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on comments from the site promoters, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 4 dwellings and is unlikely to provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 1,500m of the town centre of Biddulph and adjacent to the open countryside which should reduce the need to travel within the town. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However, the site is within 1,500m of the town centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (Land at Coppice Wood)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is over 2,250m from Biddulph Valley Way (Whitemoor) (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have no effect on this asset. The site includes mature trees some of which have TPOs. It is part of the linear woodland proposed as Local Green Space 18 (Braddocks Hay) and as such is part of an important wildlife corridor into the surrounding countryside. Ecological survey is required. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. The land is indicated on the predictive map of best and most versatile agricultural land as within an area where 20-60% of the land is likely to be BMV and so development of this site may result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site may not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (Land at Coppice Wood)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is more than 400m from any known heritage assets, the nearest designated asset is grade I listed Biddulph Grange Garden which is circa 2000m to the north of the site. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is limited scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of this, or other, heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and would reduce external pressure on such sites. However given the location of the site, within Green Belt and the important landscape setting to the settlement, it is considered that there would be scope for effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district. However, the increased population of both the town and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the town centre of Biddulph has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Biddulph and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (Land at Coppice Wood)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physic • al accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 1,000m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 4 dwellings is considered to have a positive effect. The site is also accessible to existing services, facilities and existing areas of employment and this is also likely to have a positive effect, as could its distance away from heritage assets. However, the development of greenfield land, indicated on the predictive map of best and most versatile agricultural land as within an area where 20-60% of the land is likely to be BMV, located within Green Belt and within the important landscape setting to the settlement is assessed as having a negative effect. Similarly the site is part of the linear woodland proposed as Local Green Space 18 (Braddocks Hay) and as such is part of an important wildlife corridor into the surrounding countryside and this is also likely to have a negative effect. Ecological and landscape impact assessments are required.			

Table 15.324

Land at Newpool Farm (west of BD063a)

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (Land west of BD063a)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The site borders the settlement boundary of Biddulph but is outside of the boundary. The development of this site, a greenfield site that is set within the open countryside, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (Land west of BD063a)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	As noted, the site is outside of the settlement boundary of Biddulph. The site would be within 800m of a wide range of services and facilities. For example, the site is in proximity to James Bateman Junior High School and Knypersley High School. Similarly, given the size of development proposed there is scope that additional key services and facilities could be brought forward through developer contributions. It should be noted that education facilities and services within the town have adequate supply at present but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site, on the border of the settlement boundary, should provide residents with good access to the open countryside and help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 1,200m of a GP surgery, adjacent to national route 55, part of the national cycle network and within 500m of the Biddulph Valley Way. It should be noted that supply for health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and this is expected to worsen in the future without additional investment. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on a density of 30dph, it is considered that the site including BD063a could accommodate circa 240 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport?	As noted previously, the site is within 800m of the town centre of Biddulph and a GP surgery and this should reduce the need to travel within the town. Similarly, the site is located near to a number of bus stops and within 500m of the Biddulph Valley Way. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (Land west of BD063a)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?		
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However, the site is within 800m of the town centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is over 2,000m from Roe Park Woods SSSI, the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have no effect on this asset. The Ecological Study (2015) of BD063a notes that the site has mostly low biodiversity value overall in terms of the species poor grassland area but has some fairly biodiverse areas connected by hedgerows to the south and north; the site is attributed some ecological value due to the presence of trees with bat roosting potential. The HRA	-/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (Land west of BD063a)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
		notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain. Further ecological survey is required.	
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield (agricultural) land. However, the land is also indicated on the predictive map of best and most versatile agricultural land as partly urban to the east and to the west as within an area where 20-60% of the land is likely to be BMV, so development of this site may result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 700m of seven grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of these heritage assets and their settings. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain. An applicant should be required to provide an NPPF compliant heritage statement.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness?	The site would avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and would reduce external pressure on such sites. Given the location of the site on the edge of settlement within the Green Belt, it is considered that there would be scope for effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries	-/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (Land west of BD063a)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective although exact effects are uncertain. Landscape impact assessment is required.	
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district. However, the increased population of both the town and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Biddulph and the wider District. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 500m of local employment provision and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 240 dwellings should have a significant positive effect. The site is also accessible to existing services, facilities and areas of employment which is likely to have positive effects. Similarly the location of the site, outside flood zones 2 and 3 and close to the open countryside and walking and cycling routes are also likely to lead to positive effects. However, the site's potential ecological value and contribution to Green Infrastructure is considered likely to have a negative effect, further ecological survey is required. Similarly, the development of greenfield land, partly indicated on the predictive map of best and most versatile agricultural land as within an area where 20-60% of the land is likely to be BMV is likely			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (Land west of BD063a)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
to have a negative effect, landscape impact assessment is required. The Council's Green Belt study indicated that BD063a may be suitable for release from the Green Belt if exceptional circumstances can be demonstrated. The site's proximity to historic assets are also assessed as having a negative effect, an applicant should be required to provide an NPPF compliant heritage statement.			

Table 15.325

15.9.3 Cheadle

CH146 and CH147 Land north of Park Drive and adjacent to Bungalow Farm - employment use

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH146 and 147)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The site is located outside of the settlement boundary within the open countryside. The development of this site, a greenfield site, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located within 1,200m of the town centre and the wide range of key services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective employees and visitors of the site. It should be noted that the supply of community facilities and services is currently adequate but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide employees with good access to the open countryside and help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 1,200m of a GP surgery. It should be noted that supply for health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and this is expected to worsen in the future without additional investment. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH146 and 147)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	This site has been proposed for employment uses with regards to this assessment. Therefore the development would provide no housing. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 1,200m of the town centre of Cheadle and within to the open countryside which should reduce the need to travel within the town. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 1,200m of the town centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH146 and 147)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	The site is located outside flood zone 2 or 3 areas and, as such, it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is within 1000m of Cecilly Brook (LNR), the nearest designated asset, but is not considered to have an effect on this asset. This site has not been subject to an ecology survey, so the exact effects are uncertain. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective, although the exact effects are uncertain.	0/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. Similarly, the land has also been indicated on the predictive map of best and most versatile agricultural land as partly within an area where 20 - 60% of the land is likely to be bmv and partly within an area where over 60% of the land is likely, so development of this site may result in the loss of best and most versatile agricultural land. The site is within the mineral safeguarding area for bedrock sand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic	The site is within 500m of two grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this	-/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH146 and 147)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain. An applicant should be required to provide an NPPF compliant heritage statement.	
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	Given the location of the site, on the edge of the town within Green Belt and the important landscape setting to the settlement, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, although the exact effects are uncertain. Landscape impact assessment is required. The Council's Green Belt review considers the site as included within parcel S13 (land to the north west of Cheadle, south west of the A522 and is considered by the study to contribute to the openness of the land in a relatively accessible location as well as being part of the setting for Cheadle.	-/?
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed employment use of this site provides scope for the development of this site to have a positive effect upon investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district, however this is dependent on proposal specific information. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural regeneration. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of an employment site with access to the town centre has the scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Cheadle and the wider District, as new employment could be expected to increase footfall in the nearby town centre. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH146 and 147)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site and the proposed employment use of the site could be considered to have a positive effect on businesses and the residents of Cheadle as it could strengthen and diversify the economy. Overall, this has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is proximity to areas of existing local employment provision as well as new employment provision generated by this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this objective.	++
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The development of new employment premises should have a significant positive effect upon the vitality and viability of the District, strengthen economic growth and support a higher level of employment within the District. Similarly, the site's accessibility to other services and facilities is likely to have a positive effect, as could its location away from flood zones 2 and 3. In addition the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area, considered as an area for sustainable tourism and rural regeneration. However, the development of greenfield land within Green Belt and the important landscape setting to the settlement is likely to lead to negative effects. Similarly the site is indicated on the predictive map of best and most versatile agricultural land as partly within an area where 20 - 60% of the land is likely to be bmv and partly within an area where over 60% of the land is likely, so development of this site may result in the loss of best and most versatile agricultural land. The site is within the mineral safeguarding area for bedrock sand and this is assessed as having a negative effect. An applicant should be required to provide an NPPF compliant heritage statement, ecological survey and landscape impact assessment.			

Table 15.326

Land at Friars Close

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (Land at Friars Close)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality?	The site is located outside of the settlement boundary within the open countryside. The development of this site, a greenfield site, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (Land at Friars Close)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?		
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is within 500m of the town centre and the wide range of key services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective residents of the site. It should be noted that the supply of community facilities and services is currently adequate but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to the open countryside and areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a GP surgery. It should be noted that supply for health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and this is expected to worsen in the future without additional investment. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on representations promoting this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 5 dwellings and therefore it is unlikely also to provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion?	As noted previously, the site is within 500m of the town centre of Cheadle and a GP surgery and adjacent to an area of open space	+

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of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	which should reduce the need to travel within the town. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 500m of the town centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites?	The site is within 800m of Cecilly Brook (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have some effect on this asset, albeit limited. This site has not been subject to an ecology survey, so the exact effects are uncertain. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been	0/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (Land at Friars Close)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain. Ecological survey is required.	
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. The land is indicated on the predictive map of best and most versatile agricultural land as being urban, so development of this site is unlikely to result in the loss of best and most versatile land. The site lies within the mineral safeguarding area for bedrock sand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m of seventeen grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain. An applicant should be required to provide an NPPF compliant heritage statement.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness?	Given the location of the site, within the important landscape setting to the settlement, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. The Council's Green Belt review considers the site as included	-/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (Land at Friars Close)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	within parcel S13 (land to the north west of Cheadle, south west of the A522 and is considered by the study to contribute to the openness of the land in a relatively accessible location as well as being part of the setting for Cheadle. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, although the exact effects are uncertain.	
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district. However, the increased population of both the town and District may have a positive effect. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural regeneration. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the town centre of Cheadle has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Cheadle and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 1,000m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects:			

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The proposed delivery of circa 5 dwellings is considered to have a positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to services, facilities and areas of existing employment is likely to have positive effects, as is its location outside flood zones 2 and 3. However, the development of greenfield land within the Green Belt, the important landscape setting to the settlement and within the mineral safeguarding area for bedrock sand is assessed as having negative effects. The site's proximity to heritage assets is also likely to have a negative effect. An applicant should be required to provide an NPPF compliant heritage statement. Ecological survey and landscape impact assessments are also required.			

Table 15.327

Three sites at Brookhouses - employment use

- **Site 1: Land at junction of Delphouse Road and Draycott Cross Road (eastern part of CH137)**
- **Site 2: Land south west of Haden House Farm**
- **Site 3: Land south west of New Haden Road / north of Harplow Lane (north west tip of CH094 and northern part of CH125)**

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Do the sites (Three sites at Brookhouses)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The sites are located outside of the existing settlement boundary. The development of greenfield land within the open countryside has the scope to reduce the quality of the Green Infrastructure of the Town. Overall, these sites have been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment,	As noted, the sites are located outside of the settlement boundary on the south west edge of Cheadle. The sites are more than 1,200m away from the town centre which could result in existing services and facilities being inaccessible. It should be noted that the supply of	0

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	marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	community facilities and services is currently adequate but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The sites location would provide good access to areas of open space and the countryside which could help to support healthy lifestyles. However, the sites are more than 1,200m from a GP surgery. It should be noted that supply for health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and this is expected to worsen in the future without additional investment. Overall, the sites have been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	The sites are difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, the sites have been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	This sites have been proposed for employment use with regards to this assessment. Therefore the developments would provide no housing. Overall, the sites have been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted, the sites are more than 1,200m from the town centre of Cheadle and a GP surgery and this could be expected to increase the need to travel. However, the sites are near to the open country side and an area of open space and a number of bus stops. Similarly, the development of sites may lead to the provision of additional public transport services. Overall, these sites have been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
ENVIRONMENTAL			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Do the sites (Three sites at Brookhouses)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of these sites could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However, the sites are more than 1,200m from the town centre and could increase the need to travel. Overall, the sites have been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, these sites have been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the sites are located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the sites would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of these sites could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, these sites have been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The sites are over 1,750m from Whitfield Valley (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, are considered to have no effect on this asset. Sites 1 and 2 are wooded, site 3 has trees and hedgerow and thus all could be expected to have ecological value. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from these sites. Overall, the sites have been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain. Ecological survey is required.	--/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land?	As noted, the sites have been assessed as being on greenfield land. However the sites are indicated on the predictive map of best and most versatile agricultural land as within areas where less than or equal to 20% of the land is likely to be BMV (site 2 and part of site 3); 20-60% of the land is likely (site 1) and where greater than 60% of	-

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	• Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	the land is likely to be BMV (remaining part of site 3) and so development of the sites may result in the loss of best and most versatile agricultural land. The southern part of site 2 and all of site 3 are within the mineral safeguarding area for bedrock sand. Overall, the sites have been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of these sites may not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings, although site 1 includes a depot building. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, these site have been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The sites are more than 1,000m away from any known heritage asset. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is limited scope that development of the sites could lead to the deterioration of the setting of a heritage asset. Overall, these sites have been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The sites would avoid development within 1,000m of protected sites and would reduce external pressures on such sites. Given the location of the sites, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. The sites lie within parcel S15 (land to the west of Cheadle, south of the A521) identified in the Council's Green Belt study as helping to maintain the western edge of Cheadle and thereby the broader separation of Cheadle from the Stoke conurbation to the west. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-

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15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed employment use of the sites provide scope for development to have a positive effect on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district, however this is dependent on proposal specific information. Overall, the sites have been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of employment sites on the edge of the town has the scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Cheadle and the wider District, as new employment could be expected to increase footfall in the nearby town centre. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this objective.	++
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of these sites and the proposed employment use of the sites could be considered to have a positive effect on businesses and the residents of Cheadle as it could strengthen and diversify the economy. Overall, this has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is proximity to areas of existing local employment provision as well as new employment provision generated by the sites. Overall, these sites has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this objective.	++

Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects:

The development of new employment premises should have a significant positive effect on the vitality and viability of the District, strengthen economic growth and support a higher level of employment within the District. Similarly, the sites' location away from heritage assets and floodzones 2 and 3 are likely to have positive effects. However negative effects are likely to result from the development of greenfield land where sites are indicated on the predictive map of best and most versatile agricultural land as within areas where less than or equal to 20% of the land is likely to be BMV (site 2 and part of site 3); 20-60% of the land is likely (site 1) and where greater than 60% of the land is likely to be BMV (remaining part of site 3) such that development of the sites may result in the loss of best and most versatile agricultural land. The southern part of site 2 and all of site 3 are within the mineral safeguarding area for bedrock sand and this is also liklely to lead to negative effects. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area and other

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landscape impact. The sites lie within parcel S15 (land to the west of Cheadle, south of the A521) identified in the Council's Green Belt study as helping to maintain the western edge of Cheadle and thereby the broader separation of Cheadle from the Stoke conurbation to the west. Given the wooded nature of the sites, potential ecological value is also likely to have a negative effect.			

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CH083 (Land east of Abbot's Haye, Cherry Lane)

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH083)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The site is located on the outside of the settlement boundary within the open countryside. The development of this site, a greenfield site, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	As noted, the site is located on the outside of the settlement boundary to the north east of Cheadle. The site is around 1,500m away from the town centre which could result in existing services and facilities being inaccessible. It should be noted that the supply of community facilities and services is currently adequate but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to the open countryside and areas of open space which should help to	0

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	• Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is around 1,500m of a GP surgery. It should be noted that supply for health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and this is expected to worsen in the future without additional investment. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 20 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is around 1,500m of the town centre of Cheadle and a GP surgery and adjacent to an area of open space. However the site is remote from the main urban area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. Similarly, the site is around 1,500m from the town centre and could increase the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH083)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	The site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area and, as such, it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is within 400m of Hales Hall Pool (LNR), the nearest designated asset. It could be considered that development of this site could lead to short-term disturbances of this habitat and possibly long term also. The site is also around 1,000m of ancient woodland at Hawksmoor nature reserve. This could therefore have an adverse effect on the District's Green Infrastructure network. The site is surrounded by mature trees and has potential for some ecological value. Ecological survey is required. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. The land has also been indicated on the predictive map of best and most versatile agricultural land as within an area where 20-60% of the land is likely to be BMV, so development of this site could result in the loss of best and most versatile land. The site lies within the mineral safeguarding area for bedrock sand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?

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12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 200m of three grade II listed heritage assets and one grade II* asset: Hales Hall. Although dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective. An applicant should be required to provide an NPPF compliant heritage statement.	0
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would deliver development within the proximity of protected sites and may increase external pressures on these sites. Given the remote location of the site it is considered that there would be scope for effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area and other landscape impact. The site is considered to form part of the remnant historic landscape associated with Hales Hall. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, although the exact effects are uncertain. Landscape impact assessment is required.	--/?
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the town and wider district. However, the increased population of both the town and District may have a positive effect. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural regeneration. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CH083)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site close to Cheadle has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Cheadle and the wider District, however there is not good access to the town centre and this may limit the extent to which it may be expected that new residents could increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 1000m of existing areas of employment within the town and, as such, would provide some accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 20 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as could the site's location outside of flood zones 2 and 3. However the site is remote from the main urban area and its lack of accessibility to a range of services and facilities is likely to have a negative effect. Similarly negative effects are likely to result from the development of a greenfield site, indicated on the predictive map of best and most versatile agricultural land as within an area where 20-60% of the land is likely to be BMV, such that development of this site could result in the loss of best and most versatile land. The site also lies within the mineral safeguarding area for bedrock sand. The site's proximity to designated natural and heritage assets is likely to lead to negative effects. An applicant should be required to provide an NPPF compliant heritage statement. The site is also considered to form part of the remnant historic landscape associated with grade II* listed Hales Hall. Landscape impact and ecological assessments are required.			

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15.9.4 Villages

Alton

AL013: Land off Cedarhill

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (AL013)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is set outside of the village boundary could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the outside of the village boundary, but is within 800m of the village centre and the range of services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective residents of the site. It should be noted that Alton does not have a secondary school and that the current supply of educational services and facilities is currently adequate but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 800m of a GP surgery. It should be noted that the current supply of health care services and facilities is currently adequate but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (AL013)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 75 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 800m of the village centre of Alton and a GP surgery as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 800m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (AL013)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is within 1,000m of Castle Wood SBI, the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have an effect on this asset. There are mature trees on site. An ecological study would be required. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 under the Agricultural Land Classification system, so development of this site is not likely to result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. The site lies within the Mineral Safeguarding Areas for bedrock sand and building stone. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic	The site is within 500m of eight grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this	-/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (AL013)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	site could lead to the deterioration of heritage assets and their settings. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain. An applicant should be required to provide an NPPF compliant heritage statement.	
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be within 1,000m of Castle Wood SBI and could increase external pressures on the site. Given the location of the site within an area identified in the Landscape and Settlement Character Assessment as being important to the setting of the settlement, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however a landscape impact study should be required.	-
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural regeneration. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Alton has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Alton and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (AL013)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,500m from existing areas of employment within the village or District and, as such, would fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 75 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's proximity to health care services and facilities is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is relatively inaccessible to areas of existing employment which is likely to have a significant negative effect. The development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land is also assessed as having a negative effect, as is the site's proximity to natural and historic assets and potential impacts on landscape quality and the availability of non renewable resources.			

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Biddulph Moor

Land at Church Lane (includes small part of BM012)

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (Land at Church Lane) ...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, predominantly previously developed (brownfield) land within the village boundary and partially greenfield in the Green Belt outside the village could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (Land at Church Lane) ...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village, partially within the village boundary. It is within 400m of the village centre but has insufficient services and facilities to meet the needs of the community. It should be noted that Biddulph Moor does not have a secondary school and that education facilities and services within the town have adequate supply at present but it is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. Biddulph Moor does not have a GP surgery. It should be noted that supply for health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and this is expected to worsen in the future without additional investment. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on representation LPPO2555, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 3 dwellings and therefore may not provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the village centre of Biddulph Moor as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (Land at Church Lane) ...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 400m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is more than 2,000m from Biddulph Valley Way (Whitemoor) SSSI, the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have no effect on this asset. Part of the site includes mature trees. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain. Ecological survey will be required.	+/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land?	As noted, this site has been assessed as predominantly being previously developed but partially on greenfield land. However, this land has also been assessed as grade 4 under the Agricultural Land Classification system, so development of this site would not result in	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (Land at Church Lane) ...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would enable the re-use of previously developed land. There is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within the historic core of the village centred on the Church and the former school. It is within 400m of Christ Church, a grade II listed asset. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain. An applicant should be required to provide an NPPF compliant heritage statement.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be more than 2,000m of Biddulph Valley Way (Whitemoor) SSSI. Given the location of the site, partially within important landsscape setting to settlement, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Landscape impact assessment is required. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (Land at Church Lane) ...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Biddulph Moor has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Biddulph Moor and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 500m of an existing area of employment within the village or District and, as such, could provide accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 3 dwellings is considered to have a positive effect. Similarly, the re-use of previously developed land is likely to have a positive effect. However, the inaccessibility of services and facilities is likely to have a negative effect. Similarly, the development of a partly greenfield site within the important landscape setting to the settlement and potential impact on heritage assets are considered likely negative effects.			

Table 15.331

Blythe Bridge

Land at Uttoxeter Road

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (Land at Uttoxeter Road)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (Land at Uttoxeter Road)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a large greenfield site that is located outside of the village boundary could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located close to the A50 from Staffordshire Moorlands District boundary to Stoke on Trent. It is over 1,500m of the village centre and the range of services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective residents of the site. It should be noted that the current supply of educational and community services and facilities is currently exceeding demand and is expected to do so for the foreseeable future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 1,500m of a GP surgery. It should be noted that the current supply of health care services and facilities is currently exceeding demand and is expected to do so for the foreseeable future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met?	Based on a density of 30 dph, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 210 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (Land at Uttoxeter Road)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?		
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 1500m of the village centre of Blythe Bridge and Forsbrook as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop and 1500m of Blythe Bridge train station. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 1500m of a railway station and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	The site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area and it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. However there are known surface water flooding issues at the site and the development of a greenfield site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. The development could also be expected to lead to an increased is water demand within the District. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (Land at Uttoxeter Road)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is more than 2,000m from Coyney Woods (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered likely to have no effect on this asset. There are semi-mature and mature trees on site, an ecological survey would be required. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land within the Green Belt. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site is not likely to result in the loss of best and most versatile land. The site is within the mineral safeguarding area for superficial sand and gravel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is more than 400m from a listed asset. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is limited scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these historical heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness?	The site would be more than 3,000m of Coyney Woods (LNR). Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (Land at Uttoxeter Road)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Blythe Bridge and Forsbrook has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Blythe Bridge and Forsbrook and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 500m to an existing area of employment within the village or wider area and, as such, could provide accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects:			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (Land at Uttoxeter Road)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
The proposed delivery of circa 210 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as is the accessibility of the site to services and facilities and public transport. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of existing employment is likely to have a positive effect, as could the site's location away from historic assets. However, the site is subject to surface water flooding which is likely to have a negative effect. Similarly, the development of a large greenfield site within the Green Belt and the mineral safeguarding area for superficial sand and gravel is likely to have a negative effect.			

Table 15.332

BB042 / BB043

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BB042 / BB043)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a large greenfield site that is located outside of the village boundary could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village, it is within 1,200m of the village centre and the range of services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective residents of the site. It should be noted that the current supply of educational and community services and facilities is currently exceeding demand and is expected to do so for the foreseeable future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BB042 / BB043)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 1,200m of a GP surgery. It should be noted that the current supply of health care services and facilities is currently exceeding demand and is expected to do so for the foreseeable future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 190 dwellings. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 1,200m of the village centre of Blythe Bridge and Forsbrook as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop and 2,000m of a train station. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 1,200m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BB042 / BB043)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?		
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	The site is located outside flood zone 2 and 3 areas and, as such, it can be considered that the site would be not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of a greenfield site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. The development could also be expected to lead to an increased water demand within the District. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	0/?
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is more than 3,000m from Coyney Woods (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have no effect on this asset. There are mature trees and hedgerows on site, ecological survey is required. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as urban ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile agricultural land. However the site is within the mineral safeguarding area for bedrock sand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BB042 / BB043)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?		
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m of a grade II listed asset (Cashheath Farmhouse). Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of this heritage asset. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain. An applicant should be required to provide an NPPF compliant heritage statement.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be more than 3,000m of Coyney Woods (LNR). Given the location of the site, within the important landscape setting to settlement, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	-
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BB042 / BB043)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Blythe Bridge and Forsbrook has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Blythe Bridge and Forsbrook and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,000m from existing areas of employment within the village or wider area and, as such, would fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 190 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to public transport is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is part of the important landscape setting to settlement which is likely to have a negative effect, as is the potential impact on heritage assets. Similarly, the development of greenfield, urban ALC land within Green Belt and the mineral safeguarding area for bedrock sand is assessed as having a negative effect, as is the potential ecological value of the site and the inaccessibility of areas of existing employment.			

Table 15.333

Brown Edge

BE035 (Land to south of Greenfield Close)

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BE035)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BE035)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is outside the village boundary could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village, it is within 400m of the village centre but has insufficient services and facilities to meet the needs of the community. It should be noted that Brown Edge does not have a secondary school but supply of educational and community services and facilities currently exceeds demand and is expected to do so for the foreseeable future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. It should be noted that Brown Edge does not have a GP surgery and that the GP surgery serving the settlement currently has adequate supply but is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 20 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this	++

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BE035)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the village centre of Brown Edge as well as being within the open countryside which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 400m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of a greenfield site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. The development could also be expected to lead to increased water demand within the District. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BE035)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is more than 1,250m from Marshes Hill Common (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have no effect on this asset. The site is within 300m of ancient woodland at Tinster Wood. An ecological survey is required. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile agricultural land. The site lies within the important landscape setting to settlement and the mineral safeguarding area for silica sand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is more than 400m from a listed asset. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is limited scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of designated heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness?	The site would be more than 1,250m from Marshes Hill Common (LNR). Given the location of the site within the important landscape	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BE035)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	setting to settlement, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Brown Edge has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Brown Edge and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,500m to existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects:			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (BE035)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
The proposed delivery of circa 20 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's distance away from historic assets is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is relatively inaccessible to services and facilities and areas of existing employment which is likely to have a significant negative effect. Similarly, the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land within Green Belt, important landscape setting to settlement and the mineral safeguarding area for silica sand is assessed as having a negative effect, as is the potential ecological value of the site.			

Table 15.334

Supermarket, 199 High Lane ST6 8QA

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (199 High Lane)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, previously developed land that is at the centre of the village, could be expected to have an effect on environmental quality. Dependant on proposal specific information. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective, although exact effects are uncertain.	0/?
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located within the village centre. The proposal is considered to include retention of existing retail use. It should be noted that Brown Edge does not have a secondary school but supply of educational and community services and facilities currently exceeds demand and is expected to do so for the foreseeable future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (199 High Lane)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. It should be noted that Brown Edge does not have a GP surgery and that the GP surgery serving the settlement currently has adequate supply but is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on an assessment of site potential and density of 30dph, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 3 dwellings and is therefore unlikely to provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within the village centre of Brown Edge which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (199 High Lane)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?		
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of a brownfield site could help to avoid reduction of natural drainage. However the development could be expected to lead to increased water demand within the District. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is more than 1,250m from Marshes Hill Common (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have no effect on this asset. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the precise effects are uncertain.	+/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on previously developed land so development would not result in the loss of best and most versatile agricultural land. The site lies within the mineral safeguarding area for silica sand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (199 High Lane)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?		
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site could enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. There is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is more than 400m from a listed asset. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is limited scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of designated heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	+/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be more than 1,250m from Marshes Hill Common (LNR). Given the location of the site within the village it is considered unlikely that there could be effects on landscape character. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential and retail use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population and retention of retail may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (199 High Lane)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site retaining existing retail use within the village centre of Brown Edge has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Brown Edge and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,500m to existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 3 dwellings is considered to have a positive effect. Similarly, the site's distance away from historic assets and its location within the village centre are likely to have a positive effect, as is the re-use of previously developed land. However, despite the proposed retention of retail use, the site is relatively inaccessible to other services and facilities and areas of existing employment which is likely to have a negative effect.			

Table 15.335

Cheddleton

Land at Basford Bridge proposed for employment use

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria -Does the site (Land at Basford Bridge)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria -Does the site (Land at Basford Bridge)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a greenfield site within the village boundary could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village, it is within 1000m of the village centre but has insufficient services and facilities to meet the needs of the community. It should be noted that Cheddleton does not have a secondary school but supply of educational and community services and facilities currently exceeds demand and is expected to do so for the foreseeable future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide employees with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. It should be noted that Cheddleton does not have a GP surgery and that the GP surgery serving the settlement currently has adequate supply but is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met?	This site has been proposed for employment uses with regards to this assessment. Therefore the development would provide no housing. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria -Does the site (Land at Basford Bridge)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?		
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 1000m of the village centre of Cheddleton which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within the village boundary and 1000m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	The site is located within flood zones 2 and 3 areas and it can be considered that the site would be subject to risk from flooding. The site is also adjacent to the River Churnet. The development of a greenfield site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. The development could also be expected to lead to increased water demand within the District. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this objective.	--

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria -Does the site (Land at Basford Bridge)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is more than 1,500m from Churnet Valley SSSI, the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have no effect on this asset. However the site is within 500m of Basford Green (west of) SBI, ecological survey is required. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC (urban) land, so development of this site is not likely to result in the loss of best and most versatile land. The site lies within the mineral safeguarding area for bedrock sand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	The development of this greenfield site could not enable the re-use of existing buildings. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development could incorporate sustainable materials. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is adjacent to the grade II listed Basford Bridge and the Caldon Canal Conservation Area. It is also within 300m of two further grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain. An applicant should be required to provide an NPPF compliant heritage statement.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness?	The site would be more within 1,500m from Churnet Valley SSSI. Given the location of the site, considered appropriate as a Local Green	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria -Does the site (Land at Basford Bridge)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	Space, it is considered that there could be effects on natural assets and resources. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed employment use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of an employment site within the village boundary has the scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Cheddleton as new employment could be expected to increase footfall in the nearby village centre. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The proposed employment use of the site could be considered to have a positive effect on businesses and the residents of Cheddleton as it could strengthen and diversify the economy. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is in proximity to areas of existing local employment provision (Churnetside Business Park) as well as scope for new employment provision generated by this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects:			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria -Does the site (Land at Basford Bridge)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
The development of new employment premises should have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of the District, strengthen economic growth and support a higher level of employment within the District. However the site is small and constrained and this will limit the extent of the positive contribution it can make. The site's location within flood zones 2 and 3 and proximity to heritage assets are likely to have negative effects. Similarly potential effects on natural assets and resources and the site's ecological value are considered likely to be negative effects.			

Table 15.336

CD101 (Land at Cheadle Road)

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CD101)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a meadow in the centre of the settlement considered to meet the criteria for a Local Green Space, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located within the village, and within 500m of the village centre but has insufficient services and facilities to meet the needs of the community. It should be noted that Cheddleton does not have a secondary school but supply of educational and community services and facilities currently exceeds demand and is expected to do so for the foreseeable future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CD101)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	It should be noted that Cheddleton does not have a GP surgery and that the GP surgery serving the settlement currently has adequate supply but is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 30 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the village centre of Cheddleton which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 400m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CD101)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of a greenfield site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. The development could also be expected to lead to increased water demand within the District. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is more than 2,250m from Churnet Valley SSSI, the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have no effect on this asset. Wildlife value is expected in the hedgerows. Ecological survey is required. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land, so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. The site lies within the mineral safeguarding area for bedrock sand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation?	The development of this greenfield site would not enable the re-use of existing buildings. Dependent on proposal specific information,	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CD101)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	there is scope that development could incorporate sustainable materials. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m from one scheduled monument and eight grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain. An applicant should be required to provide an NPPF compliant heritage statement.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be more within 2,250m from Churnet Valley SSSI. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be limited effects on landscape character. However the site has been considered to meet the criteria for a Local Green Space and is considered to have visual amenity value. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Cheddleton has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Cheddleton and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (CD101)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,000m to existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 30 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space is likely to have a positive effect on health and well-being. However, the inaccessibility of services and facilities is likely to have a negative effect. The site's proximity to historic assets, loss of visual amenity value to the settlement and the potential ecological value of the site are likely to have a negative effect.			

Table 15.337

Land south of Caldon Canal (Field 4444, Cheadle Road)

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (south of Caldon Canal)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is inside the village boundary could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure, ecological networks and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (south of Caldon Canal)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?		
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village, it is within 800m of the village centre but has insufficient services and facilities to meet the needs of the community. It should be noted that Cheddleton does not have a secondary school but supply of educational and community services and facilities currently exceeds demand and is expected to do so for the foreseeable future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. It should be noted that Cheddleton does not have a GP surgery and that the GP surgery serving the settlement currently has adequate supply but is expected to be outstripped by future demand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on a density of 30dph, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 30 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport?	As noted previously, the site is within 800m of the village centre of Cheddleton which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (south of Caldon Canal)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?		
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 800m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of a greenfield site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. The development could also be expected to lead to increased water demand within the District. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is more than 2,250m from Churnet Valley SSSI, the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is considered to have no effect on this asset. The site has a number of mature trees and is part of a linear corridor of natural and semi natural open space running along the canal side. Ecological survey is required. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this	-/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (south of Caldon Canal)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
		site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as mixed grade 4 ALC land, so development of this site is not likely to result in the loss of best and most versatile land. The site lies within the mineral safeguarding area for bedrock sand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m from one scheduled monument, seven grade II* listed assets and nineteen grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain. An applicant should be required to provide an NPPF compliant heritage statement.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be more within 2,250m from Churnet Valley SSSI. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (south of Caldon Canal)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Cheddleton has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Cheddleton and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is close to existing areas of employment within the village or District and, as such, would provide some accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 30 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space and location outside floodzones 2 and 3 is likely to have a positive effect. However, the inaccessibility of services and facilities is likely to have a negative effect. Similarly, the development of greenfield, grade 4 ALC land, part of a linear corridor of natural and semi natural open space running along the canal side is assessed as having a negative effect, as is the site's proximity to heritage assets. Ecological survey is required. An applicant should be required to provide an NPPF compliant heritage statement.			

Table 15.338

Kingsley

KG032 (Land at south of the A52)

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (KG032)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is outside of the settlement boundary, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located outside of the village, it is within 800m of the village centre but has insufficient services and facilities to meet the needs of the community. It should be noted that Kingsley does not have a secondary school but that the current supply of educational services and facilities exceeds demand and is expected to do so for the foreseeable future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. It should be noted that Kingsley does not have a GP surgery and, accordingly, the current supply of health care services and facilities is falls short of demand and the situation is expected to worsen in the future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (KG032)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on representations promoting this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 50 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 800m of the village centre of Kingsley as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 800m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (KG032)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. However a wooded watercourse forms the southern boundary of the site. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is within 1,000m from Churnet Valley SSSI, the nearest designated assets, and, as such, is not considered to have an effect on this asset. This site has been subject to an initial ecology survey provided with representations promoting the site. The site is a single arable field with trees and hedgerows, a stream and a number of nearby ponds. The exact effects on biodiversity and protected species are uncertain, further ecological survey work will be required. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land in the Green Belt. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 3 ALC land, indicated on the predictive map of best and most versatile agricultural land as within an area where 20-60% of the land is likely to best and most versatile, so development of this site may result in the loss of best and most versatile land. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (KG032)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 500m of three grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of these heritage assets and their settings. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain. An applicant should be required to provide an NPPF compliant heritage statement.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be within 1,000m of Churnet Valley SSSI and may not increase external pressure on this site. Given the location of the site, a greenfield site in the Green Belt on the edge of the settlement, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, although exact effects are uncertain. Landscape impact assessment is required.	-/?
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Similarly, the site is located within the Churnet Valley Area as an area for sustainable tourism and rural regeneration. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Kingsley has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Kingsley and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (KG032)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,500m from existing areas of employment within the village or District and, as such, would fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 50 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space and potential contribution to the viability of Kingsley are likely to have positive effects. However, the site is relatively inaccessible to services and facilities and areas of existing employment, both of which is likely to have a negative effect. Similarly, development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land in the Green Belt and indicated on the predictive map of best and most versatile agricultural land as within an area where 20-60% of the land is likely to best and most versatile, is likely to have a negative effect. The potential ecological value of the site and its proximity to heritage assets are also likely to have a negative effect. An applicant should be required to provide an NPPF compliant heritage statement and to undertake further ecological and landscape impact assessments.			

Table 15.339

Upper Tean

Land at Uttoxeter Road, Upper Tean

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (Land at Uttoxeter Road)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is outside the settlement boundary, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (Land at Uttoxeter Road)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?		
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village and is within 500m of the village centre and the limited range of services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective residents of the site. The site is in proximity of Greatwood Primary School. It should be noted that Upper Tean does not have a secondary school but that the current supply of educational services and facilities currently exceeds demand and is expected to do so for the foreseeable future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 1000m of a GP surgery. It should be noted that the current supply of health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and the situation is expected to worsen in the future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on a ensity of 30dph,it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 60 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion?	As noted previously, the site is within 500m of the village centre of Upper Tean and 1000m from a GP surgery as well as being adjacent to open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (Land at Uttoxeter Road)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 500m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of a greenfield site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. The development could also be expected to lead to increased water demand within the District. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites?	The site is more than 3,250m from Cecilly Brook (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is not considered to have an effect on this asset. There may be ecological value associated with the trees and hedgerows lining the site. An ecological survey will be required. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from	-/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (Land at Uttoxeter Road)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 3 ALC land, indicated on Natural England's predictive map of best and most versatile land as having a "high" (greater than 60% area bmv) likelihood of bmv, so development of this site could result in the loss of best and most versatile agricultural land. The site lies within the mineral safeguarding area for superficial sand and gravel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	--/?
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m from two grade II* listed assets and nine grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of these historical heritage assets and their setting. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain. An applicant should be required to provide an NPPF compliant heritage statement.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness?	The site would be within 3,250m of Cecilly Brook (LNR) and would not be expected to increase external pressures on the site. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Landscape impact assessment will be required. Proposal specific information is also required to assess the impact on	-/?

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (Land at Uttoxeter Road)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	the Needwood & South Derbyshire Claylands National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Upper Tean has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Upper Tean and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is within 1000m of existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects:			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (Land at Uttoxeter Road)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
The proposed delivery of circa 60 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect, as could the site's accessibility to areas of existing employment and other services and facilities within Upper Tean. However, the development of greenfield, grade 3 ALC land indicated on Natural England's predictive map of best and most versatile agricultural land as having a "high" (greater than 60% area bmv) likelihood is likely to have a significant negative effect. Similarly the potential landscape impact, ecological value of the site and its proximity to heritage assets are all likely to have a negative effect. An applicant should be required to provide an NPPF compliant heritage statement, landscape impact and ecological appraisals.			

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The Wentlows, 64 Cheadle Road

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (The Wentlows) ...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a greenfield site outside the settlement boundary, proposed as part of Local Green Space 45, could reduce the social and environmental quality of the village centre. Loss of green space within the village is likely to have an effect on green infrastructure. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village and is within 500m of the village centre and the limited range of services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective residents of the site. It should be noted that Upper Tean does not have a secondary school but that the current supply of educational services and facilities currently exceeds demand and is expected to do so for the foreseeable future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (The Wentlows) ...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a GP surgery. It should be noted that the current supply of health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and the situation is expected to worsen in the future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on a density of 30dph, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 24 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 500m of the village centre of Upper Tean and a GP surgery as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 500m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (The Wentlows) ...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?		
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g . by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	The site is located outside a flood zone 2 or 3 area and, as such, it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is within 2,500m from Cecilly Brook (LNR), the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is not considered to have an effect on this asset. An ecological survey would be required. Some impact on green infrastructure including ecological networks may be expected. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile agricultural land. The site lies within the mineral safeguarding areas for bedrock sand and superficial sand and gravel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (The Wentlows) ...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?		
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	The development of this greenfield site would not enable the re-use of existing buildings. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development could incorporate sustainable materials. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 500m of ten grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain. An applicant should be required to provide an NPPF compliant heritage statement.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be within 2,500m of Cecilly Brook (LNR) and is not expected to increase external pressures on this site. Given the location of the site, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Needwood & South Derbyshire Claylands National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective, although the exact effects are uncertain. Landscape impact assessment is required.	0/?
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (The Wentlows) ...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Upper Tean has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Upper Tean and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,500m of existing areas of employment within the village or District and, as such, would fail to provide accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 24 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to open space and health care is likely to have a positive effect, as is its location outside flood zones 2 and 3. However the site is considered to form part of Local Green Space 45 and as such its development could be expected to result in negative effects on the social and environmental quality of the village centre. Similarly the impact on green infrastructure and contribution to ecological networks is likely to lead to a negative effect. The site lies within the mineral safeguarding areas for bedrock sand and superficial sand and gravel which is also likely to have a negative effect, as is the site's proximity to heritage assets. An applicant should be required to provide an NPPF compliant heritage statement. Landscape impact and ecological surveys are also required.			

Table 15.341

Werrington and Cellarhead

Cellarhead: WE064

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WE064)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WE064)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is set outside of the settlement boundary, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located in the edge of the village boundary and is more than 2,000m from the village centre and the range of services and facilities that can be found here that could serve prospective residents of the site. It should be noted that the current supply of educational services and facilities currently exceeds demand and is expected to do so for the foreseeable future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. However, the site is more than 2,000m from a GP surgery. It should be noted that the current supply of health care services and facilities currently falls short of demand and the situation is likely to worsen in the future. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 20 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WE064)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?		
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is more than 2,000m from the village centre of Werrington and Cellarhead and a GP surgery, but is adjacent to an area of open space. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. Similarly, the site is more than 2,000m from the village centre and could increase the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. It should be noted that the site is within 100m from a candidate AQMA. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an negative effect on this Objective.	-
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of this site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. The development could also be expected to lead to increased water demand within the District. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WE064)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is more than 1,900m from Churnet Valley SSSI, the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is not considered to have an effect on this asset. The site is adjacent to a pond. Ecological survey is required. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	0/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site would not result in the loss of best and most versatile agricultural land. The site is within the mineral safeguarding area for bedrock sand and silica sand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m of three grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of the setting of these heritage assets. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain. An applicant should be required to provide an NPPF compliant heritage statement.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness?	The site would be more than 1,900m from Churnet Valley SSSI and would not increase external pressures on the site. Given the location	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WE064)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	of the site in open countryside, it is considered that there would be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with access to the village centre has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Werrington and Cellarhead and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,500m to existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects:			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WE064)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
The proposed delivery of circa 20 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. However, the site is relatively inaccessible to services and facilities and areas of existing employment which is likely to have a significant negative effect. Similarly, the development of an open countryside greenfield, grade 4 ALC land within the Green Belt and the mineral safeguarding area for bedrock sand and silica sand is assessed as having a negative effect, as is the proximity to historic assets. The site is within 100m from a candidate AQMA, there is potential for negative impact on air quality.			

Table 15.342

Wetley Rocks

Land to the rear of SMD/2016/0609 (Land at Leek Road)

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (Further land at Leek Road)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a greenfield site that is outside of the settlement boundary, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage	The site is located on the edge of the village, it is within 400m of the village centre but has insufficient services and facilities to meet the needs of the community. It should be noted that Wetley Rocks does not have a secondary school. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (Further land at Leek Road)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	/ civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? ● Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.		
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	● Help improve health or access to health facilities? ● Help promote healthy lifestyles? ● Help to reduce health inequalities? ● Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with good access to areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles. It should be noted that Wetley Rocks does not have a GP surgery. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	● Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? ● Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	● Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? ● Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? ● Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	Based on a density of 30dph it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 25 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	++
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	● Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? ● Support the use of public transport? ● Support safe walking and cycling? ● Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 400m of the village centre of Wetley Rocks as well as being adjacent to an area of open space which should reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (Further land at Leek Road)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 400m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of a greenfield site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. The development could also be expected to lead to increased water demand within the District. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is more than 1,750m from Churnet Valley SSSI, the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is not considered to have an effect on this asset. Ecological assessment is required. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	0/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 3 ALC land, indicated on the predictive map of best and most versatile agricultural land as within an area where 20-60% of the land is likely to be best and most versatile, so development of this site could result in the loss of best and most versatile agricultural land. The site lies within the	-

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (Further land at Leek Road)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
	• Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	mineral safeguarding area of silica sand. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 50m from one grade II listed asset and 400m from three grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of these heritage assets and their setting. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain. An applicant should be required to provide an NPPF compliant heritage statement.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	The site would be within 1,750m of Churnet Valley SSSI and as such would not be expected to increase external pressure on the site. Given the location of the site within the green belt and important landscape setting to the settlement, it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Landscape impact assessment is required. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (Further land at Leek Road)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Wetley Rocks has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Wetley Rocks and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,500m to existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 25 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's accessibility to areas of open space and the village centre of Wetley Rocks is likely to have a positive effect. However, the site is relatively inaccessible to wider services and facilities, including areas of existing employment, which is likely to have a negative effect, as could the site's proximity to heritage assets. The development of greenfield land in the green belt, forming part of the important landscape setting to the settlement, and indicated on the predictive map of best and most versatile agricultural land as within an area where 20-60% of the land is likely to be best and most versatile, is likely to have a negative effect. An applicant should be required to provide an NPPF compliant heritage statement, as well as landscape impact and ecological assessments.			

Table 15.343

WR024 (Playing field between Randles Lane / Leek Road)

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WR024)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
SOCIAL			

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WR024)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Offer opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality? • Offer opportunity to provide open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Risk unacceptable light and noise pollution? • Offer opportunity to ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	The development of this site, a greenfield site used as playing fields, including with children's play equipment, outside the settlement boundary, could be expected to have an effect on Green Infrastructure and environmental quality. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Deliver development that is likely to help remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	The site is located on the edge of the village, it is within 300m of the village centre but has insufficient services and facilities to meet the needs of the community. It should be noted that Wetley Rocks does not have a secondary school. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Help improve health or access to health facilities? • Help promote healthy lifestyles? • Help to reduce health inequalities? • Offer opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	The location of this site should provide residents with access to alternative areas of open space which should help to support healthy lifestyles, however development here would result in the loss of playing fields and children's play space. It should be noted that Wetley Rocks does not have a GP surgery. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Deliver development that reduces actual levels of crime? • Deliver development that helps to reduce fear of crime?	This site is difficult to assess against this objective without proposal specific information. However, it can be considered that new development would include aspects of good design which would help to minimise crime and the fear of crime. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate	• Offer opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met?	Based on the SHLAA (2015) assessment of this site, it is considered that the site could accommodate circa 25 dwellings and therefore also provide a quantum of affordable housing on site. Overall, this	++

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WR024)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Offer opportunities to enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Offer opportunities to ensure that people can afford their housing?	site has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective.	
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Offer opportunities to minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Support the use of public transport? • Support safe walking and cycling? • Offer opportunities to protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	As noted previously, the site is within 300m of the village centre of Wetley Rocks which may reduce the need to travel within the village. Similarly, the site is within 500m of a bus stop. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ENVIRONMENTAL			
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Offer opportunities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly CO_2? • Offer opportunities to increase energy efficiency? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy? • Deliver development is in an accessible location in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	The development of this site could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However the site is within 300m of the village centre and could reduce the need to travel. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
8. To improve air quality.	• Offer opportunities to minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Offer opportunities to remove air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	The outcome of this assessment could be dependent on implementation and site specific detail. Overall, this site has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this Objective.	i/?
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Deliver development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Offer opportunities to reduce risk of flooding e.g. by integration of mitigation measures such as SuDs? • Offer opportunities to protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Offer opportunities to encourage water efficiency and demand management?	As the site is located outside of a flood zone 2 or 3 area it can be considered that the site would not be subject to risk from flooding. The development of a greenfield site could lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. The development could also be expected to lead to increased water demand within the District. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	+

SA Objective	Assessment Criteria - Does the site (WR024)...?	Commentary on likely nature of effects of site allocation	Overall assessment
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Enable protection of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, including the integrity of European sites? • Deliver development that will help to support meeting Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Offer opportunities to help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	The site is within 1,750m from Churnet Valley SSSI, the nearest designated asset, and, as such, is not considered to have an effect on this asset. The site includes mature trees, some with TPOs. Ecological survey is required. The HRA notes that no direct impacts upon the SPA are predicted from this site. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain.	-/?
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Help safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Deliver development that helps to minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Offer opportunities to reduce land contamination / instability? • Deliver development that helps reduce the amount of derelict land? • Offer opportunities to protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	As noted, this site has been assessed as being on greenfield land. However, the land has also been assessed as grade 4 ALC land so development of this site may not result in the loss of best and most versatile land. The site lies within the mineral safeguarding area for silica sand. It is also within the important landscape setting to the settlement. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective.	-
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Offer opportunities to reduce waste generation? • Offer opportunities to maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Offer opportunities to increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	As per the previous objective, the development of this site would not enable the re-use or loss of existing buildings. However, there is scope that development could use sustainable materials and increase the demand for local resources. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Deliver development that helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Offer opportunities to protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	The site is within 400m from three grade II listed assets. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that development of this site could lead to the deterioration of these heritage assets and their settings. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, however the exact effects are uncertain. An applicant should be required to provide an NPPF compliant heritage statement.	-/?
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape	• Offer opportunities to protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness?	The site would be within 1,750m of Churnet Valley SSSI however it is considered that development is not likely to increase external	-/?

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and other natural assets and resources.	• Deliver development that maximises re-use of brownfield land? • Offer opportunities to safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	pressure on the site. Given the location of the site, within green belt and the important landscape setting to the settlement,it is considered that there could be effects on landscape character. Proposal specific information is required to assess the impact on the Potteries and Churnet Valley National Character Area. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective, although the precise effects are uncertain.	
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Offer opportunities to support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Offer opportunities to help support tourism and the visitor economy?	The proposed residential use of this site limits the effect that it can have on investment in culture and tourism within the village and wider district. However, the increased population of both the village and District may have a positive effect. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
ECONOMIC			
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Deliver development that helps to safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Deliver development that helps to safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	The proposed development of a residential site with good access to the village centre of Wetley Rocks has scope to have a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Wetley Rocks and the wider District, as new residents could be expected to increase footfall. Overall, this has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	+
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Help provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Help provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	The development of this site could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. However, the extent of this effect is uncertain. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective.	0
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Help meet the employment needs of local people? • Help increase economic activity levels? • Improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Support higher income levels for local residents?	The site is over 1,500m to existing areas of employment within the town or District and, as such, would fail to provide sufficient accessible employment opportunities for prospective residents. Overall, this site has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective.	--
Summary of overall assessment and likely significant effects: The proposed delivery of circa 25 dwellings is considered to have a significant positive effect. Similarly, the site's location outside of flood zones 2 and 3 and its potential to make a contribution to the viability of the village of Wetley Rocks are considered to be positive effects. However development of the site would result in the loss of a playing field and children's play space and the associated loss of amenity and impact on health is likely to have a significant negative effect. Similarly the site's inaccessibility to areas of existing employment and other services and			

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facilities is likely to have a significant negative effect. The development of a greenfield site in the green belt and within the important landscape setting to the settlement and mineral safeguarding area for silica sand is likely to result in negative effects, as could the site's proximity to heritage assets and potential ecological value. An applicant should be required to provide an NPPF compliant heritage statement, as well as landscape impact and ecological assessments.			

Table 15.344

Appraisal of alternative housing requirement options

16 Appraisal of alternative housing requirement options

16.1 The matrices below set out the likely significant effects on sustainability of the alternative options considered by the Council for a housing requirement. The assessments are based on the methodology proposed and consulted on in the SA Scoping Report and use the SA Framework also developed through consultation as part of the SA Scoping stage.

16.2 As part of the SA appraisal of options, consideration has been given to effects on sustainability over time (in the short, medium and long term) along with any cumulative impacts of implementing each option and possible mitigation measures where appropriate.

16.3 In comparing options with one another, consideration has also been given to the geographical scale of effect, whether any identified effects would be permanent or temporary, reversible or irreversible and the assumptions made, or justification for the assessment recorded.

16.4 Definitions of significance are provided in Section 3 Appraisal Methodology.

Scoring of options

Score	
++	The requirement will have a very positive impact on the sustainability objective
+	The requirement will have a slightly positive impact on the sustainability objective
0	The requirement will have a negligible or neutral impact on the sustainabiity objective. A recorded neutral effect does not necessarily mean that there will be no effect at the project level, but shows that at this strategic level there are no identifiable effects.
-	The requirement will have a slightly negative impact on the sustainability objective
--	The requirement will have a very negative impact on the sustainability objective
i	The outcome could be dependent on implementation, or more detail is required to make an assessment
?	The impact of an issue cannot be predicted at this stage

Table 16.1 Scoring of options

16.5 Different components within an option may generate varying impacts. This is indicated by "/".

Key to Table

- ST: Short term = 0 - 5 years
- MT: Medium term = 5 - 10 years
- LT: Long term = over 10 years

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Housing Requirement Option 1

SA Objective	Option 1: 235 new homes each year					
	Decision making criteria	Time-frame			Nature of effect; Comments	Justification; cumulative effects / mitigation measures
		ST	MT	LT		
SOCIAL						
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Will it make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Will it improve neighbourhood quality? • Will it ensure that there is adequate open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Will it minimise light and noise pollution? • Will it ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	?	?	?	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. There is a balance between loss of countryside as a result of development and provision of new, accessible open space as part of new developments. This requirement may offer the least opportunity for associated benefits such as new or enhanced community facilities to be delivered as a result of new development.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Community cohesion and local environmental quality are more dependent on design and location of new development than on the overall housing requirement. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that good standards of amenity and open space and Green Infrastructure are delivered as part of new housing development.
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Will it remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion /	?	?	?	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. However this option will deliver the least housing growth of the four options considered and thus the least opportunity to improve accessibility to key services and facilities. Despite this, lower levels of housing growth will enable a focus of growth	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Equality of opportunity for all persons will be improved by any measure that has the effect of improving overall accessibility to jobs, services and facilities. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that new developments are brought forward in sustainable locations.

SA Objective	Option 1: 235 new homes each year					
	Decision making criteria	Time-frame			Nature of effect; Comments	Justification; cumulative effects / mitigation measures
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	belief, sex and sexual orientation? ● Will it help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.				on small urban extensions and small sites within the existing settlement boundary which is likely to help minimise the distance people need to travel.	
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	● Will it improve health or access to health facilities? ● Will it promote healthy lifestyles? ● Will it reduce health inequalities? ● Will it provide opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	?/-	?/-	?/--	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. However this option will deliver the least housing growth of the four options considered and thus the least opportunity to improve health infrastructure, including opportunities for walking and cycling. In the long term there could be a deterioration in health through lack of investment in health-care, leisure and physical recreational facilities. There is a balance between loss of countryside as a result of development and provision of improved opportunities to access the countryside as part of new developments.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Investment in new infrastructure keeps pace with growth. More housing growth offers more opportunities to invest in new health-care facilities, including new or improved opportunities for walking and cycling. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that new developments deliver opportunities to increase take up of sustainable transport choices and improvements to healthy travel networks, including increased opportunities for access to the countryside.
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	● Will it reduce actual levels of crime? ● Will it reduce fear of crime?	?	?	?	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the implementation of relevant Local Plan policies.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Good design will help minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that new developments are well designed, creating safe places and reducing opportunities for anti-social behaviour.

SA Objective	Option 1: 235 new homes each year					
	Decision making criteria	Time-frame			Nature of effect; Comments	Justification; cumulative effects / mitigation measures
		ST	MT	LT		
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Will it provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Will it enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Will it ensure that people can afford their housing?	+	+	+	This option represents the lower end of the recommended OAN range[1] and by meeting the full demographically-assessed need for housing in the District will have a direct, long-term, positive effect on this SA objective. The requirement is expected to enable the delivery of a range of housing types and tenures, making a contribution to meeting community needs. However the impact of this option on the SA objective is less significant than under all other options. This option is likely to make the least contribution to addressing the needs of an ageing population or ensuring that problems of affordability can be satisfactorily addressed, risking adverse outcomes for older people and those who still need to access the housing market.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Household projections suggest a considerable growth in the number of older people. The SHMA[2] identified a critical affordable housing need. Objectively assessed housing need for the District is between 235dpa and 330dpa. This option will meet the objectively assessed housing need of the plan area but fails fully to address affordable housing need, or offer maximum opportunity for investment in meeting the housing needs of older people. **Mitigation measures**: Wider initiatives of the Council should be supported to help deliver additional affordable homes.
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Will it minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Will it support the use of public transport? • Will it support safe walking and cycling? • Will it protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	?/+	?/+	?/+	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. However this requirement could have a positive effect on minimising the impact of new development on existing traffic congestion and could offer support for the use of sustainable forms of transport through delivering most new development close to town and village centres. The option could support priorities and provisions identified in the SMDC integrated transport strategy [3], including the proposed Local Transport Packages for Leek, Cheadle and Biddulph.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Lower levels of growth are likely to generate fewer new car journeys, resulting in less impact on existing congestion. Lower levels of growth will maximise the proportion of new development delivered close to existing centres, facilitating use of sustainable forms of transport. Higher levels of growth will allow most investment in support for sustainable transport. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that developments are brought forward in sustainable locations; support safe walking and cycling and improve access to the natural environment.
ENVIRONMENTAL						

SA Objective	Option 1: 235 new homes each year					
	Decision making criteria	Time-frame			Nature of effect; Comments	Justification; cumulative effects / mitigation measures
		ST	MT	LT		
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Will it reduce emissions of greenhouse gases particularly CO_2? • Will it increase energy efficiency? • Will it increase the use of renewable energy? • Will it ensure new development is in accessible locations in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	-	-	-	There is some uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of developments and the implementation of Local Plan policies. However this option is likely to result in the smallest overall increase in carbon emissions from the energy consumption and emissions arising from construction and use of new development and associated car journeys.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Even if individual properties are built to high environmental performance standards and delivered in sustainable locations, the total increase in number of dwellings and car journeys is likely to increase energy use and associated greenhouse gas emissions. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that high environmental design standards are supported and that developments are brought forward in accessible locations that support the use of sustainable forms of transport.
8. To improve air quality.	• Will it minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Will it maximise the removal of air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	?	?	?/-	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. However as this option represents the lowest level of growth, it is likely to give rise to the lowest level of new emissions of airborne pollutants associated with additional car journeys. In the long-term there is some potential for development to be delivered within 500m of an identified area of poor air quality.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Identified areas of poor air quality include the Cellarhead junction (between the A52 and A520); Ball Haye Street, Leek (a primary link road from Leek A53 to the A523 Macclesfield and Buxton Road) and Broad Street, Leek (a primary link road from Stoke on Trent)[(4)]. The total increase in number of dwellings and car journeys is likely to increase emission of airborne pollutants. There is a risk that air quality may deteriorate in areas of existing low quality. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that developments include appropriate landscaping to aid removal of air pollutants.
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Is new development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Will it reduce risk of flooding eg by	?	?	?	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. However	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Development - at whatever overall scale - will be permitted only where schemes meet development plan requirements for management of flood risk.

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	Decision making criteria	Time-frame			Nature of effect; Comments	Justification; cumulative effects / mitigation measures
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	encouraging the integration of mitigation measures such as SuDS into new development? • Will it protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Will it encourage water efficiency and demand management?				the SFRA[(5)] confirms that there are few locations in which development would significantly increase fluvial flood risk elsewhere, due to the majority of potentially suitable sites for development being located within Flood Zone 1, with only a few sites partially within Flood Zone 2 or 3. This option requires the least peripheral development proposed on agricultural (greenfield) land on the outskirts of settlements, and thus poses the lowest risk of all options to increase surface water flood risk within towns or villages and further downstream as a result of increased surface water runoff and reduced infiltration.	**Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that new developments are directed towards areas of least flood risk and incorporate SuDS wherever possible.
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Will it protect and promote effective management of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance? • Will it help contribute to Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Will it help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	?	?/+	?/++	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. However as it proposes the lowest level of growth, this option is likely to provide most overall, long-term protection for biodiversity and natural networks. There will however be the lowest level of new investment and associated opportunities to deliver biodiversity enhancement or the extension of GI networks as part of schemes. Given it will lead to the lowest recreational and other urbanising pressures on the closest European sites, of all options considered, this option is also likely to afford most protection for the integrity of European sites. However the HRA of the Local Plan will ensure that Local Plan policies and allocations will not result in adverse effects on European designated sites.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Policies in the Local Plan will provide protection for biodiversity and for sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, but the higher the level of growth, the greater the need to allocate sites in the countryside, on the periphery of settlements, including potentially requiring Green Belt release and potentially sites within the zone of influence of European designated sites. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure conservation and enhancement of biodiversity and that any development proposal is not permitted to have an adverse effect on the integrity of a European site.

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11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Will it safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Will it minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Will it reduce land contamination / instability? • Will it reduce the amount of derelict land? • Will it protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	?	?/+	?/++	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. However as it proposes the lowest level of growth, this option is likely to provide most overall, long-term protection for the best and most versatile agricultural land.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Policies in the Local Plan will provide protection for the best and most versatile agricultural land and geological resources, but the higher the level of growth, the greater the need to allocate agricultural (greenfield) sites. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure protection and enhancement of geologically important sites.
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Will it reduce waste generation? • Will it maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Will it increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	?	?	?	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Policies in the Local Plan will encourage the re-use of existing buildings wherever possible. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support waste minimisation.
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Will it ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Will it protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and	?	?/+	?/++	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. However with the lowest level of growth proposed, of all options considered, this option is most likely to result in protection of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated) along with their settings.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Policies in the Local Plan will provide protection for heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings. However the higher the level of growth, the greater the number of site allocations that will be made, increasing the risk of altering the character of settlements and resulting in deterioration of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) or their settings that could not be reasonably mitigated. **Mitigation**

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	strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?					**measures**: Local Plan policies to support protection and enhancement for the character of towns / villages; heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Will it protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Will it promote development on brownfield land? • Will it safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	?	?/+	?/++	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. The Landscape and Settlement Character Assessment Study[(6)] offers guidance to help ensure new development required in the District takes place in locations that are compatible with the unique quality of the Staffordshire Moorlands landscape and in sympathy with the setting of a particular settlement. The HEA[(7)] identified that (within each of the study areas) historic character had been retained and that beyond the present extent of the built areas, a dispersed settlement pattern was still predominant. With the lowest level of growth proposed, of all options considered, this option is the most likely to result in the protection of the character and appearance of the landscape, including historic landscapes, and other natural assets and resources.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Policies in the Local Plan will provide protection for landscape character and natural assets. However the higher the level of growth, the greater the number of site allocations that will be made, increasing the risk of resulting in an adverse effect on the character of landscapes, including historic landscapes, that could not be reasonably mitigated. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support protection and enhancement of the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Will it support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Does it help support tourism and the visitor economy?	?	?	?	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. With the lowest level of growth proposed, of all options considered, this option is the least likely to result in a long-term, adverse impact on local distinctiveness, potentially leading to an associated long-term positive impact on tourism and the visitor economy. However, this is	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: The higher the level of growth, the greater the number of site allocations that will be made, increasing the risk of congestion and an adverse effect on the character and appearance of landscapes, towns and villages that together may detract from the further development of local distinctiveness and could result in long-term negative impacts on tourism and the visitor

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					balanced by the option also providing the least opportunity for investment in culture and tourism that could result in long-term negative effects on the local economy.	economy. Counter to this, higher levels of growth provide the most opportunities for investment that may support tourism and the visitor economy. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support tourism and the visitor economy.
ECONOMIC						
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Will it safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Will it safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	+	+	+	Under this option, the population of the district is projected to increase by 2,567 from 2014 to 2031. The population growth predicted arises from high levels of net in-migration which counteracts a significant decrease in population expected from natural change resulting in an excess of deaths over births. The increase in spending in the local economy this is likely to generate should result in benefits to the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, contributing to the safeguarding and improvement of shops and services. Although since this option provides for the lowest level of growth, the benefits would be lowest of all options considered.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Residents of new developments will support their local retail, leisure and service provision. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support town and village centres.
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Will it provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Will it provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	-	--	--	This option is likely to lead to a decline in the labour force of 2,141 (2014-2031) and job losses of 1,579 over the same period. This is likely to result in a significant negative effect on business, the local economy and local employment through a lack of encouragement for investment in business and infrastructure.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: A local labour supply will help to deliver economic growth across the plan area. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support sustainable economic growth.

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18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Will it meet the employment needs of local people? • Will it increase economic activity levels? • Will it improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Will it support higher income levels for local residents?	-	--	--	It is projected that the number of people aged over 65 in the District will increase by 39% by 2031. The oldest age groups (75-84 and 85+) would see the most substantial increases of 69% and 134% respectively[8]. Under this option, the ageing profile of the population is likely to contribute to a declining labour force and job losses which could undermine economic stability in the long term. The option is likely to have a negative effect on the local economy and local employment.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Whilst there is not a direct causal relationship between job growth and housing needs, the two are nevertheless fundamentally related. Ensuring a sufficient supply of homes within easy access of employment is a central element of an efficiently functioning economy. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support sustainable economic growth.
Summary of significant effects: This option proposes the delivery of 235 new dwellings per year (2014-2031). It will have a direct, long-term positive effect on the SA objective to ensure provision of homes to meet local needs since it represents the lower end of the recommended objectively assessed housing need range. However being the lower end of the range, the option makes the least contribution of all options considered to addressing affordable housing need and the needs of an ageing population. Predicted population growth of around 2,500 is likely to increase spending in the local economy resulting in positive benefits for the District's towns and villages including helping to safeguard local shops and services. However since this option provides for the lowest level of growth, these benefits would be lowest of all options considered. This option is likely to lead to a decline in the labour force of 2,141 and the loss of 1,579 jobs (2014 - 2031). This is likely to undermine economic stability in the long term and lead to a significant negative effect on business, the local economy and local employment through a lack of encouragement for investment in business and infrastructure. As the lowest growth option, requiring the lowest number of site allocations, by comparison with other options considered, this alternative is likely to result in minor positive effects on SA objectives relating to the protection of biodiversity; the character of towns, villages and heritage assets and their settings; and landscape character and natural assets. The lower level of growth is also likely to minimise the negative effects on objectives relating to climate change contributions and air quality that are associated with energy consumption and emissions arising from construction and use of new dwellings and associated car journeys. The lower level of growth is also likely to help enable a focus of new development on small urban extensions and small sites within existing settlement boundaries resulting in minor positive effects on minimising the distance people need to travel to access key services and facilities and increasing the opportunities for use of sustainable forms of transport. However since this option proposes the lowest level of growth, it is also likely to result in the lowest level of investment in community facilities, including Green Infrastructure and other measures that help to reduce health inequalities, leading to minor negative effects on the SA objective relating to supporting health improvements.					

Table 16.2 Assessment Table for Feb 2017 Option 1: 235 new homes each year

1. Staffordshire Moorlands SHMA Update: December 2016 Revision; Nathaniel Lichfield & Partners; February 2017
2. Strategic Housing Market Assessment and Housing Needs Study; Nathaniel Lichfield & Partners; June 2014
3. Staffordshire Moorlands District Integrated Transport Strategy 2013-2031; Staffordshire County Council; November 2013
4. 2014 Air Quality Progress Report for Staffordshire Moorlands District Council In fulfillment of Part IV of the Environment Act 1995 Local Air Quality Management; SMDC; November 2014

5. Staffordshire Moorlands Level 1 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) Update; AECOM Infrastructure and Environment UK Ltd; October 2015
6. Landscape and Settlement Character Assessment Study; Wardell Armstrong; 2008
7. Historic Environment Character Assessment: Staffordshire Moorlands; Staffordshire County Council; August 2010
8. Staffordshire Moorlands 2012-based SNHP Update; Nathaniel Lichfield & Partners; January 2016

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SOCIAL						
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Will it make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Will it improve neighbourhood quality? • Will it ensure that there is adequate open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Will it minimise light and noise pollution? • Will it ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	?	?	?	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. There is a balance between loss of countryside as a result of development and provision of new, accessible open space as part of new developments. This requirement may offer fewer opportunities than options 3 and 4 for achieving associated benefits of investment, such as new or enhanced community facilities, but there would be more opportunities than under option 1.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Community cohesion and local environmental quality are more dependent on design and location of new development than on the overall housing requirement. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that good standards of amenity and open space and Green Infrastructure are delivered as part of new housing development.
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Will it remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Will it help to minimise the distance people	?	?	?	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. However this option will deliver more growth than under option 1, but less growth than proposed under options 3 or 4 and thus some opportunity to improve accessibility to key services and facilities. Lower levels of housing growth may enable a focus of growth on small urban extensions and small sites within the existing settlement boundary which is likely to help minimise the distance people need to travel.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Equality of opportunity for all persons will be improved by any measure that has the effect of improving overall accessibility to jobs, services and facilities. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that new developments are brought forward in sustainable locations.

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	need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.					
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Will it improve health or access to health facilities? • Will it promote healthy lifestyles? • Will it reduce health inequalities? • Will it provide opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	?	?/-	?/-	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. However this option will deliver more growth than under option 1, but less growth than proposed under options 3 or 4 and thus some opportunity to improve health infrastructure, including opportunities for walking and cycling. In the long term there could be a deterioration in health through lack of investment in health-care, leisure and physical recreational facilities. There is a balance between loss of countryside as a result of development and provision of improved opportunities to access the countryside as part of new developments.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Investment in new infrastructure keeps pace with growth. More housing growth offers more opportunities to invest in new health-care facilities, including new or improved opportunities for walking and cycling. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that new developments deliver opportunities to increase take up of sustainable transport choices and improvements to healthy travel networks, including increased opportunities for access to the countryside.
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Will it reduce actual levels of crime? • Will it reduce fear of crime?	?	?	?	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the implementation of relevant Local Plan policies.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Good design will help minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that new developments are well designed, creating safe places and reducing opportunities for anti-social behaviour.
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in	• Will it provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met?	+	+	++	This option represents the job stabilisation scenario(1) and is mid-way within the full objectively assessed needs range. By meeting the full assessed need for housing in the District, this option will have a direct, long-term, positive effect	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Household projections suggest a considerable growth in the number of older people. The SHMA(2) identified a critical affordable

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appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Will it enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Will it ensure that people can afford their housing?				on the SA objective. The requirement is expected to enable the delivery of a range of housing types and tenures, making a contribution to meeting community needs. While the impact of this option on the SA objective is greater than that under option 1, it is less significant than under options 3 and 4. Whilst this option is likely to contribute to addressing the needs of an ageing population and ensuring that problems of affordability can be addressed, there is a greater risk of adverse outcomes for older people and those who still need to access the housing market than under options 3 and 4.	housing need. Objectively assessed housing need for the District is between 235dpa and 330dpa. This option will meet the objectively assessed housing need of the plan area but fails fully to address affordable housing need, or offer maximum opportunity for investment in meeting the housing needs of older people. **Mitigation measures**: Wider initiatives of the Council should be supported to help deliver additional affordable homes.
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Will it minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Will it support the use of public transport? • Will it support safe walking and cycling? • Will it protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	?/+	?/+	?/++	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. However since it proposes a lower level of growth than under options 3 and 4, in comparison with other alternatives considered, this requirement could have a long-term positive effect on minimising the impact of new development on existing traffic congestion and could offer support for the use of sustainable forms of transport through delivering new development close to town and village centres. The option could support priorities and provisions identified in the SMDC integrated transport strategy (3), including the proposed Local Transport Packages for Leek, Cheadle and Biddulph.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Lower levels of growth are likely to generate fewer new car journeys, resulting in less impact on existing congestion. Lower levels of growth will maximise the proportion of new development delivered close to existing centres, facilitating use of sustainable forms of transport. Higher levels of growth will allow most investment in support for sustainable transport. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that developments are brought forward in sustainable locations; support safe walking and cycling and improve access to the natural environment.
ENVIRONMENTAL						

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7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Will it reduce emissions of greenhouse gases particularly CO_2? • Will it increase energy efficiency? • Will it increase the use of renewable energy? • Will it ensure new development is in accessible locations in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	-	-	- -	There is some uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of developments and the implementation of Local Plan policies. However since it proposes a lower level of growth than under options 3 and 4, in comparison with other alternatives considered, this requirement is likely to result in a lower overall increase in carbon emissions from the energy consumption and emissions arising from construction and use of new development and associated car journeys. In the long-term there is likely to be a more significant negative impact than under option 1 since this proposes lower growth.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Even if individual properties are built to high environmental performance standards and delivered in sustainable locations, the total increase in number of dwellings and car journeys is likely to increase energy use and associated greenhouse gas emissions. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that high environmental design standards are supported and that developments are brought forward in accessible locations that support the use of sustainable forms of transport.
8. To improve air quality.	• Will it minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Will it maximise the removal of air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	?	?/-	?/-	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. However since it proposes a lower level of growth than under options 3 and 4, in comparison with other alternatives considered, this requirement is likely to give rise to lower levels of new emissions of airborne pollutants associated with additional car journeys. In the medium and long-term there is likely to be a more significant negative impact than under option 1 and some potential for development to be delivered within 500m of an identified area of poor air quality.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Identified areas of poor air quality include the Cellarhead junction (between the A52 and A520); Ball Haye Street, Leek (a primary link road from Leek A53 to the A523 Macclesfield and Buxton Road) and Broad Street, Leek (a primary link road from Stoke on Trent)[(4)]. The total increase in number of dwellings and car journeys is likely to increase emission of airborne pollutants, there is a risk that air quality may deteriorate in areas of existing low quality. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that developments include appropriate landscaping to aid removal of air pollutants.
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and	• Is new development directed towards areas of least flood risk?	?	?	?	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**:

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enhance water sources.	• Will it reduce risk of flooding eg by encouraging the integration of mitigation measures such as SuDS into new development? • Will it protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Will it encourage water efficiency and demand management?				on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. However the SFRA[(5)] confirms that there are few locations in which development would significantly increase fluvial flood risk elsewhere, due to the majority of potentially suitable sites for development being located within Flood Zone 1, with only a few sites partially within Flood Zone 2 or 3. Since it proposes a lower level of growth than under options 3 and 4, in comparison with other alternatives considered, this requirement is likely to result in less peripheral development proposed on agricultural (greenfield) land on the outskirts of settlements, and thus result in less risk of surface water flood risk within towns or villages and further downstream as a result of increased surface water runoff and reduced infiltration. Although in the long-term there is likely to be a more significant negative impact than under option 1.	Development - at whatever overall scale - will be permitted only where schemes meet development plan requirements for management of flood risk. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that new developments are directed towards areas of least flood risk and incorporate SuDS wherever possible.
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Will it protect and promote effective management of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance? • Will it help contribute to Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Will it help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	?	?/+	?/+	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. However, since it proposes a lower level of growth than under options 3 and 4, in comparison with other alternatives considered, this requirement is likely to provide overall, long-term protection for biodiversity and natural networks. However in comparison with options 3 and 4, there is likely to be a lower level of new investment and associated opportunities to deliver biodiversity enhancement or the extension of GI networks as part of schemes. Given that in comparison with options 3 and 4, this requirement is likely to lead to lower recreational and other urbanising pressures on the	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Policies in the Local Plan will provide protection for biodiversity and for sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, but the higher the level of growth, the greater the need to allocate sites in the countryside, on the periphery of settlements, including sites potentially requiring Green Belt release or within the zone of influence of European designated sites. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure conservation and enhancement of biodiversity and that any development proposal is not permitted to have an adverse effect on the integrity of a European site.

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					closest European sites, the option is also likely to afford long-term protection for the integrity of European sites. Whilst positive impacts are not as significant as under option 1, the HRA of the Local Plan will ensure that Local Plan policies and allocations will not result in adverse effects on European designated sites.	
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Will it safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Will it minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Will it reduce land contamination / instability? • Will it reduce the amount of derelict land? • Will it protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	?	?/+	?/+	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. However since it proposes a lower level of growth than under options 3 and 4, in comparison with other alternatives considered, this requirement is likely to provide overall, long-term protection for the best and most versatile agricultural land. However positive impacts are not as significant as under option 1.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Policies in the Local Plan will provide protection for the best and most versatile agricultural land and geological resources, but the higher the level of growth, the greater the need to allocate agricultural (greenfield) sites. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure protection and enhancement of geologically important sites.
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Will it reduce waste generation? • Will it maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Will it increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	?	?	?	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Policies in the Local Plan will encourage the re-use of existing buildings wherever possible. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support waste minimisation.
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns /	• Will it ensure the continued protection and enhancement of	?	?/+	?/+	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Policies in the Local Plan will provide

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villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Will it protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?				implementation of Local Plan policies. However since it proposes a lower level of growth than under options 3 and 4, in comparison with other alternatives considered, this requirement is likely to result in protection of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated) along with their settings. Positive impacts are not as significant as under option 1.	protection for heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings. However the higher the level of growth, the greater the number of site allocations that will be made, increasing the risk of altering the character of settlements and resulting in deterioration of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) or their settings that could not be reasonably mitigated. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support protection and enhancement for the character of towns / villages; heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Will it protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Will it promote development on brownfield land? • Will it safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	?	?/+	?/+	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. The Landscape and Settlement Character Assessment Study[(6)] offers guidance to help ensure new development required in the District takes place in locations that are compatible with the unique quality of the Staffordshire Moorlands landscape and in sympathy with the setting of a particular settlement. The HEA[(7)] identified that (within each of the study areas) historic character had been retained and that beyond the present extent of the built areas, a dispersed settlement pattern was still predominant. Since it proposes a lower level of growth than under options 3 and 4, in comparison with other alternatives considered, this requirement is likely to result in the protection of the character and appearance of the landscape, including historic landscapes, and other natural assets and	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Policies in the Local Plan will provide protection for landscape character and natural assets. However the higher the level of growth, the greater the number of site allocations that will be made, increasing the risk of resulting in an adverse effect on the character of landscapes, including historic landscapes, that could not be reasonably mitigated. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support protection and enhancement of the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.

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					resources. Positive impacts are not as significant as under option 1.	
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Will it support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Does it help support tourism and the visitor economy?	?	?	?	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. However since it proposes a lower level of growth than under options 3 and 4, in comparison with other alternatives considered, this requirement is less likely to result in a long-term, adverse impact on local distinctiveness, and this may lead to a long-term positive impact on tourism and the visitor economy. The significance is less than under option 1. The positive impacts are balanced by the requirement also providing less opportunity than under options 3 and 4 for investment in culture and tourism and this may result in long-term negative effects on the local economy.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: The higher the level of growth, the greater the number of site allocations that will be made, increasing the risk of congestion and an adverse effect on the character and appearance of landscapes, towns and villages that together may detract from the further development of local distinctiveness and could result in long-term negative impacts on tourism and the visitor economy. Counter to this, higher levels of growth provide the most opportunities for investment that may support tourism and the visitor economy. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support tourism and the visitor economy.
ECONOMIC						
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Will it safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Will it safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	+	+	++	This option assumes that the number of jobs in the District remains at its 2014 level over the plan period and since there is an ageing population, there would be a need for growth in the labour force, in-migration and ultimately housing of 259dpa to 2031. Creating a labour force large enough to support job stabilisation would result in a population increase of 6,339 (2014-31). The increase in spending in the local economy this is likely to generate should result in benefits to the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, contributing to the safeguarding and improvement of shops and services. Although since this option proposes a lower level of growth	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Residents of new developments will support their local retail, leisure and service provision. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support town and village centres.

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					than under options 3 and 4, in comparison with other alternatives considered, this requirement is likely to result in less significant benefits. Benefits would be more significant than under option 1.	
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Will it provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Will it provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	+	+	+	This option represents the level at which the District's economy would stabilise, ie there would be zero job growth 2014 - 2031. This is likely to result in a minor positive effect on business, the local economy and local employment.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Helping to stem the decline of working age residents in the District would achieve a more balanced population structure and reduce potential future economic difficulties and the demands of services associated with an ageing population and a more limited supply of labour. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support sustainable economic growth.
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Will it increase economic activity levels? • Will it improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Will it support higher income levels for local residents?	0	0	+	Whilst this option is to maintain the 2014 level of jobs in the District over the plan period, a fall in the labour force of 127 is predicted. This is likely to lead to a long term minor positive impact on the local economy and local employment.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Whilst there is not a direct causal relationship between job growth and housing needs, the two are nevertheless fundamentally related. Ensuring a sufficient supply of homes within easy access of employment is a central element of an efficiently functioning economy. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support sustainable economic growth.
Summary of significant effects: This option proposes the delivery of 260 new dwellings per year. Since it is within the recommended, full objectively assessed housing need range, the housing requirement would have a direct, long-term positive effect on the SA objective to ensure provision of homes to meet local needs. This positive effect is likely to be more significant than under option 1. However being closer to the lower end of the range than options 3 and 4, the option makes less of a contribution than options 3 and 4 to addressing affordable housing need and the needs of an ageing population. Predicted population growth of around 6,300 is likely to increase spending in the local economy resulting in positive benefits for the District's towns and villages, including help to safeguard local shops and services. Under this option, these benefits are likely to be more significant than under option 1 and less significant than under options 3 and 4. This						

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option is expected to maintain the 2014 level of jobs in the district over the plan period. This is likely to result in a long term minor positive impact on business, the local economy and local employment. This compares favourably with the impacts on this objective likely under option 1, where significant negative impacts on SA objectives for supporting employment and economic growth are likely since housing delivery below 260dpa would potentially result in a reduction in jobs. However the positive impacts on economic growth under this option are less significant than those likely to result under options 3 and 4. Option 2 requires the second lowest number of site allocations of the four options considered, and consequently this alternative is likely to result in comparatively more positive effects on SA objectives relating to the protection of biodiversity; the character of towns, villages and heritage assets and their settings; and landscape character and natural assets than options 3 and 4. Positive effects on these objectives are slightly less under this option than under option 1. The lower level of growth under option 2 compared with options 3 and 4 is also likely to minimise the negative effects on objectives relating to climate change contributions and air quality that are associated with energy consumption and emissions arising from construction and use of new dwellings and associated car journeys. The lower level of growth is also likely more likely under option 2 than options 3 and 4 to enable a focus of new development on small urban extensions and small sites within existing settlement boundaries resulting in minor positive effects on minimising the distance people need to travel to access key services and facilities and increasing the opportunities for use of sustainable forms of transport. Benefits under option 2 in this regard are not likely to be as great as under option 1. However since option 2 proposes the second lowest level of growth of the four options considered, it is likely to result in a lower level of investment than under options 3 and 4 in community facilities, including Green Infrastructure and other measures that help to reduce health inequalities, leading to possible minor negative effects on the SA objective relating to supporting health improvements. These negative effects are not likely to be as significant as under option 1.					

Table 16.3 Assessment Table for Option 2: 260 new homes each year

1. Staffordshire Moorlands SHMA Update: December 2016 Revision; Nathaniel Lichfield & Partners; February 2017
2. Strategic Housing Market Assessment and Housing Needs Study; Nathaniel Lichfield & Partners; June 2014
3. Staffordshire Moorlands District Integrated Transport Strategy 2013-2031; Staffordshire County Council; November 2013
4. 2014 Air Quality Progress Report for Staffordshire Moorlands District Council In fulfillment of Part IV of the Environment Act 1995 Local Air Quality Management; SMDC; November 2014
5. Staffordshire Moorlands Level 1 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) Update; AECOM Infrastructure and Environment UK Ltd; October 2015
6. Landscape and Settlement Character Assessment Study; Wardell Armstrong; 2008
7. Historic Environment Character Assessment: Staffordshire Moorlands; Staffordshire County Council; August 2010

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SOCIAL						
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Will it make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Will it improve neighbourhood quality? • Will it ensure that there is adequate open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Will it minimise light and noise pollution? • Will it ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	?	?/+	?/+	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. There is a balance between loss of countryside as a result of development and provision of new, accessible open space as part of new developments. This requirement may offer more opportunities than options 1 and 2 for achieving associated benefits of investment, such as new or enhanced community facilities, but there would be less opportunities than under option 4.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Community cohesion and local environmental quality are more dependent on design and location of new development than on the overall housing requirement. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that good standards of amenity and open space and Green Infrastructure are delivered as part of new housing development.
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Will it remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Will it help to minimise the distance people	?	?/+	?/+	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. However this option will deliver more growth than under options 1 and 2 (but less growth than proposed under option 4) and consequently there is opportunity to improve accessibility to key services and facilities through delivering more investment into the rural areas. However under this option it is less likely than under options 1 and 2 that the focus of growth could be delivered as small urban extensions and small sites within existing settlement boundaries and this may	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Equality of opportunity for all persons will be improved by any measure that has the effect of improving overall accessibility to jobs, services and facilities. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that new developments are brought forward in sustainable locations.

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	need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.				increase the distance that some people would need to travel in order to access key services and facilities.	
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Will it improve health or access to health facilities? • Will it promote healthy lifestyles? • Will it reduce health inequalities? • Will it provide opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	?	?/+	?/+	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. However this option will deliver more growth than under options 1 and 2 (but less growth than proposed under option 4) and consequently there is opportunity to improve health infrastructure, including opportunities for walking and cycling. In the long term there could be an indirectly positive effect on health through enabling investment in health-care, leisure and physical recreational facilities. There is a balance between loss of countryside as a result of development and provision of improved opportunities to access the countryside as part of new developments.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Investment in new infrastructure keeps pace with growth. More housing growth offers more opportunities to invest in new health-care facilities, including new or improved opportunities for walking and cycling. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that new developments deliver opportunities to increase take up of sustainable transport choices and improvements to healthy travel networks, including increased opportunities for access to the countryside.
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Will it reduce actual levels of crime? • Will it reduce fear of crime?	?	?	?	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the implementation of relevant Local Plan policies.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Good design will help minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that new developments are well designed, creating safe places and reducing opportunities for anti-social behaviour.
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate	• Will it provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Will it enable people to meet their needs within	+	++	++	This option represents the level of housing growth necessary to provide a sufficiently large labour force to support the average level of job growth projected by two forecasting houses: Oxford Economics and Experian[(1)]. This option represents the upper end of	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Household projections suggest a considerable growth in the number of older people. The SHMA[(2)] identified a critical

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locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	their existing communities? ● Will it ensure that people can afford their housing?				the objectively assessed housing need range. By meeting the full assessed need for housing in the District, this option will have a direct, medium and long-term, positive effect on the SA objective. The requirement is expected to enable the delivery of a range of housing types and tenures, making a significant contribution to meeting community needs. While the impact of this option on the SA objective is greater than that under options 1 and 2, it is less significant than under option 4. As the upper end of the OAN range, this option is likely to make a significant contribution to addressing the needs of an ageing population and ensuring that problems of affordability can be addressed.	affordable housing need. Objectively assessed housing need for the District is between 235dpa and 330dpa. This option will meet the objectively assessed housing need of the plan area and address both affordable housing need and the housing needs of older people. **Mitigation measures**: Wider initiatives of the Council should be supported to help deliver additional affordable homes.
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	● Will it minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? ● Will it support the use of public transport? ● Will it support safe walking and cycling? ● Will it protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	?	?	?/-	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. However since it proposes a higher level of growth than under options 1 and 2, in comparison with other alternatives considered, this requirement could have a long-term negative effect on minimising the impact of new development on existing traffic congestion. Due to the extent of sites that are likely to be allocated under this option, it is less likely than under options 1and 2 that a high proportion of new development can be delivered close to town and village centres, possibly resulting in a lower use of sustainable forms of transport. The option is likely to support priorities and provisions identified in the SMDC integrated transport strategy [(3)], including the proposed Local Transport Packages for Leek, Cheadle and Biddulph.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Lower levels of growth are likely to generate fewer new car journeys, resulting in less impact on existing congestion. Lower levels of growth will maximise the proportion of new development delivered close to existing centres, facilitating use of sustainable forms of transport. Higher levels of growth will allow most investment in support for sustainable transport. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that developments are brought forward in sustainable locations; support safe walking and cycling and improve access to the natural environment.
ENVIRONMENTAL						

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7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Will it reduce emissions of greenhouse gases particularly CO_2? • Will it increase energy efficiency? • Will it increase the use of renewable energy? • Will it ensure new development is in accessible locations in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	-	--	--	There is some uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of developments and the implementation of Local Plan policies. However since it proposes a higher level of growth than under options 1 and 2, in comparison with other alternatives considered, this requirement is likely to result in a higher overall increase in carbon emissions from the energy consumption and emissions arising from construction and use of new development and associated car journeys. Impacts are likely to be less significant than under option 4.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Even if individual properties are built to high environmental performance standards and delivered in sustainable locations, the total increase in number of dwellings and car journeys is likely to increase energy use and associated greenhouse gas emissions. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that high environmental design standards are supported and that developments are brought forward in accessible locations that support the use of sustainable forms of transport.
8. To improve air quality.	• Will it minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Will it maximise the removal of air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	?	?/-	?/--	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. However since it proposes a higher level of growth than under options 1 and 2, in comparison with other alternatives considered, this requirement is likely to give rise to higher levels of new emissions of airborne pollutants associated with additional car journeys. In the medium and long-term there is likely to be a more significant negative impact than under options 1 and 2 and some potential for development to be delivered within 500m of an identified area of poor air quality. Impacts are likely to be less significant than under option 4.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Identified areas of poor air quality include the Cellarhead junction (between the A52 and A520); Ball Haye Street, Leek (a primary link road from Leek A53 to the A523 Macclesfield and Buxton Road) and Broad Street, Leek (a primary link road from Stoke on Trent)[(4)]. The total increase in number of dwellings and car journeys is likely to increase emission of airborne pollutants, there is a risk that air quality may deteriorate in areas of existing low quality. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that developments include appropriate landscaping to aid removal of air pollutants.
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and	• Is new development directed towards areas of least flood risk?	?	?	?	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**:

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enhance water sources.	• Will it reduce risk of flooding eg by encouraging the integration of mitigation measures such as SuDS into new development? • Will it protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Will it encourage water efficiency and demand management?				location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. However the SFRA(5) confirms that there are few locations in which development would significantly increase fluvial flood risk elsewhere, due to the majority of potentially suitable sites for development being located within Flood Zone 1, with only a few sites partially within Flood Zone 2 or 3. Since it proposes a higher level of growth than under options 1 and 2, in comparison with other alternatives considered, this requirement is likely to result in more peripheral development proposed on agricultural (greenfield) land on the outskirts of settlements, and thus result in more risk of surface water flood risk within towns or villages and further downstream as a result of increased surface water runoff and reduced infiltration. Although in the long-term there is likely to be a less significant impact than under option 4.	Development - at whatever overall scale - will be permitted only where schemes meet development plan requirements for management of flood risk. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that new developments are directed towards areas of least flood risk and incorporate SuDS wherever possible.
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Will it protect and promote effective management of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance? • Will it help contribute to Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Will it help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	?	?/-	?/-	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. Since it proposes a higher level of growth than under options 1 and 2, in comparison with other alternatives considered (with the exception of the highest growth option 4) this requirement is less likely to provide long-term protection for biodiversity and natural networks. However in comparison with options 1 and 2, there is likely to be a higher level of new investment and associated opportunities to deliver biodiversity enhancement or the extension of GI networks as part of schemes (but less opportunity than under option 4). Given that in comparison with options 1 and 2, this requirement is likely to lead to increased recreational and other urbanising pressures on the closest European sites,	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Policies in the Local Plan will provide protection for biodiversity and for sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, but the higher the level of growth, the greater the need to allocate sites in the countryside, on the periphery of settlements, including sites potentially requiring Green Belt release or within the zone of influence of European designated sites. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure conservation and enhancement of biodiversity and that any development proposal is not permitted to have an adverse effect on the integrity of a European site.

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					the option is also less likely to afford long-term protection for the integrity of European sites. Whilst such negative impacts are not as significant as under option 4, the HRA of the Local Plan will ensure that Local Plan policies and allocations will not result in adverse effects on European designated sites.	
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Will it safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Will it minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Will it reduce land contamination / instability? • Will it reduce the amount of derelict land? • Will it protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	?	?	?/-	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. However since it proposes a higher level of growth than under options 1 and 2, in comparison with other alternatives considered (with the exception of the highest growth option 4) this requirement is less likely to provide overall, long-term protection for the best and most versatile agricultural land. However negative impacts are not as significant as under option 4.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Policies in the Local Plan will provide protection for the best and most versatile agricultural land and geological resources, but the higher the level of growth, the greater the need to allocate agricultural (greenfield) sites. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure protection and enhancement of geologically important sites.
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Will it reduce waste generation? • Will it maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Will it increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	?	?	?	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Policies in the Local Plan will encourage the re-use of existing buildings wherever possible. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support waste minimisation.
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other	• Will it ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic	?	?	?/-	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. However since it proposes a	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Policies in the Local Plan will provide protection for heritage and archaeological

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heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Will it protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?				higher level of growth than under options 1 and 2, in comparison with other alternatives considered (with the exception of the highest growth option 4) this requirement is likely to result in less protection of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated) along with their settings. Negative impacts are not as significant as under option 4.	assets along with their settings. However the higher the level of growth, the greater the number of site allocations that will be made, increasing the risk of altering the character of settlements and resulting in deterioration of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) or their settings that could not be reasonably mitigated. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support protection and enhancement for the character of towns / villages; heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Will it protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Will it promote development on brownfield land? • Will it safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	?	?	?/-	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. The Landscape and Settlement Character Assessment Study[(6)] offers guidance to help ensure new development required in the District takes place in locations that are compatible with the unique quality of the Staffordshire Moorlands landscape and in sympathy with the setting of a particular settlement. The HEA[(7)] identified that (within each of the study areas) historic character had been retained and that beyond the present extent of the built areas, a dispersed settlement pattern was still predominant. Since it proposes a higher level of growth than under options 1 and 2, in comparison with other alternatives considered (with the exception of the highest growth option 4) this requirement is less likely to result in the protection of the character and appearance of the landscape, including historic landscapes, and other natural assets and resources. Negative impacts are not as significant as under option 4.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Policies in the Local Plan will provide protection for landscape character and natural assets. However the higher the level of growth, the greater the number of site allocations that will be made, increasing the risk of resulting in an adverse effect on the character of landscapes, including historic landscapes, that could not be reasonably mitigated. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support protection and enhancement of the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.

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15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Will it support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Does it help support tourism and the visitor economy?	?	?	?	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. However since it proposes a higher level of growth than under options 1 and 2, in comparison with other alternatives considered (with the exception of the highest growth option 4) this requirement is more likely to result in a long-term, adverse impact on local distinctiveness, and this may lead to a long-term negative impact on tourism and the visitor economy. The significance is less than under option 4. The negative impacts are balanced by the requirement also providing more opportunity than under options 1 and 2 for investment in culture and tourism and this may result in medium term positive effects on the local economy.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: The higher the level of growth, the greater the number of site allocations that will be made, increasing the risk of congestion and an adverse effect on the character and appearance of landscapes, towns and villages that together may detract from the further development of local distinctiveness and could result in long-term negative impacts on tourism and the visitor economy. Counter to this, higher levels of growth provide the most opportunities for investment that may support tourism and the visitor economy. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support tourism and the visitor economy.
ECONOMIC						
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Will it safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Will it safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	+	++	++	This option combines the job growth projected by Oxford Economics and Experian and incorporates partial catch up headship rates. It represents the "unconstrained" potential of the area based on its existing business base, mix of sectors and inherent economic qualities. There would need to be significant in-migration needed to support an increase in the size of the labour force sufficient to support the forecast job growth. This would equate to population growth of 8,471, household growth of 5,376 and a dwelling need of 329pa. The increase in spending in the local economy this would generate is likely to result in benefits to the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, contributing to the safeguarding and improvement of shops and services. Since this option proposes a higher level of growth than under options 1 and 2, in comparison with other alternatives	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Residents of new developments will support their local retail, leisure and service provision. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support town and village centres.

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					considered (with the exception of the highest growth option 4) this requirement is likely to result in significant benefits for the economies of existing centres. Benefits however are likely to be less significant than under option 4.	
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Will it provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Will it provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	+	+	++	This option is based on modelled job growth of an additional 870 jobs (794 FTEs) in the District 2014-2031 (51 annually). Although this seems modest, it is set within the context of a decline in jobs forecast under the 2014-based SNPP baseline. Job growth (while modest) is likely to result in long-term positive effects on business, the local economy and local employment.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Helping to reverse the decline of working age residents in the District would achieve a more balanced population structure and reduce potential future economic difficulties and the demand of services associated with an ageing population and a more limited supply of labour. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support sustainable economic growth.
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Will it meet the employment needs of local people? • Will it increase economic activity levels? • Will it improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Will it support higher income levels for local residents?	+	+	++	This option represents the level of housing growth necessary to provide a sufficiently large labour force to support an average of the Oxford Economics and Experian job growth forecasts for the District 2014-2031; a labour force increase of 981. This is likely to allow for the economic potential of the district to be realised and result in medium and long term positive impacts on the local economy and local employment.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Whilst there is not a direct causal relationship between job growth and housing needs, the two are nevertheless fundamentally related. Ensuring a sufficient supply of homes within easy access of employment is a central element of an efficiently functioning economy. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support sustainable economic growth.
Summary of significant effects: This option proposes the delivery of 330 new dwellings per year. Since it is the upper end of the recommended objectively assessed housing need range, the housing requirement would have a direct, long-term positive effect on the SA objective to ensure provision of homes to meet local needs. This positive effect is likely to be more significant than under options 1 and 2. As the upper end of the range, the option is likely to make a significant contribution to addressing affordable housing need and the needs of an ageing population. Predicted population growth of around 8,500 is likely to increase spending in the local economy resulting in positive benefits for the District's towns and villages, including help to safeguard local shops and					

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	services. Under this option, these benefits are likely to be more significant than under options 1 and 2, but less significant than under option 4. This option is based on expected job growth of 870 and a labour force increase of 981 in the district 2014-2031. This is likely to allow for the economic potential of the district to be realised and lead to medium and long term positive impacts on the local economy and local employment. Option 3 requires the second highest number of site allocations of the four options considered, and consequently this alternative is likely to result in comparatively more negative effects on SA objectives relating to the protection of biodiversity; the character of towns, villages and heritage assets and their settings; and landscape character and natural assets than options 1 and 2. Negative effects on these objectives are slightly less under this option than under option 4. The higher level of growth under option 3 compared with options 1 and 2 is also likely to result in negative effects on objectives relating to climate change contributions and air quality that are associated with energy consumption and emissions arising from construction and use of new dwellings and associated car journeys. Due to the extent of sites that are likely to be allocated under this option, it is less likely than under options 1 and 2 that a high proportion of new development can be delivered close to town and village centres, resulting in negative effects on minimising the distance people need to travel to access key services and facilities and reducing the opportunities for use of sustainable forms of transport. Negative effects under option 3 in this regard are not likely to be as great as under option 4. However since option 3 proposes the second highest level of growth of the four options considered, it is likely to result in a higher level of investment than under options 1 and 2 in community facilities, including Green Infrastructure and other measures that help to reduce health inequalities, leading to possible minor positive effects on the SA objective relating to supporting health improvements. These positive effects are not likely to be as significant as under option 4.					

Table 16.4 Assessment Table for Option 3: 330 new homes each year

1. Staffordshire Moorlands SHMA December 2016 Update: Nathaniel Lichfield & Partners; February 2017
2. Strategic Housing Market Assessment and Housing Needs Study; Nathaniel Lichfield & Partners; June 2014
3. Staffordshire Moorlands District Integrated Transport Strategy 2013-2031; Staffordshire County Council; November 2013
4. 2014 Air Quality Progress Report for Staffordshire Moorlands District Council In fulfillment of Part IV of the Environment Act 1995 Local Air Quality Management; SMDC; November 2014
5. Staffordshire Moorlands Level 1 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) Update; AECOM Infrastructure and Environment UK Ltd; October 2015
6. Landscape and Settlement Character Assessment Study; Wardell Armstrong; 2008
7. Historic Environment Character Assessment: Staffordshire Moorlands; Staffordshire County Council; August 2010

February 2017 Housing requirement Option 4

SA Objective	Option 4: 450 new homes each year					
	Decision making criteria	Time-frame			Nature of effect; Comments	Justification; cumulative effects / mitigation measures
		ST	MT	LT		
SOCIAL						
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Will it make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Will it improve neighbourhood quality? • Will it ensure that there is adequate open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Will it minimise light and noise pollution? • Will it ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	?	?	?/+	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. There is a balance between loss of countryside as a result of development and provision of new, accessible open space as part of new developments. This requirement is likely to offer the most opportunity for associated benefits such as new or enhanced community facilities to be delivered as a result of new development.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Community cohesion and local environmental quality are more dependent on design and location of new development than on the overall housing requirement. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that good standards of amenity and open space and Green Infrastructure are delivered as part of new housing development.
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Will it remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Will it help to minimise the distance people	?	?	?/+	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. However this option will deliver the highest level of housing growth of the four options considered and thus the greatest opportunity to improve accessibility to key services and facilities through delivering more investment into the rural areas. However, this level of new housing development is not likely to enable growth to be focused on small urban extensions and small sites within the existing settlement boundaries, which may result in increasing the distance people need to travel.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Equality of opportunity for all persons will be improved by any measure that has the effect of improving overall accessibility to jobs, services and facilities. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that new developments are brought forward in sustainable locations.

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	need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.					
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Will it improve health or access to health facilities? • Will it promote healthy lifestyles? • Will it reduce health inequalities? • Will it provide opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	?	?	?/+	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. However this option will deliver the highest level of housing growth of the four options considered and thus present the most opportunities to improve health infrastructure, including opportunities for walking and cycling. In the long term there could be an improvement in health through increased investment in health-care, leisure and physical recreational facilities. There is a balance between loss of countryside as a result of development and provision of improved opportunities to access the countryside as part of new developments.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Investment in new infrastructure keeps pace with growth. More housing growth offers more opportunities to invest in new health-care facilities, including new or improved opportunities for walking and cycling. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that new developments deliver opportunities to increase take up of sustainable transport choices and improvements to healthy travel networks, including increased opportunities for access to the countryside.
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Will it reduce actual levels of crime? • Will it reduce fear of crime?	?	?	?	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the implementation of relevant Local Plan policies.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Good design will help minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that new developments are well designed, creating safe places and reducing opportunities for anti-social behaviour.
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations	• Will it provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Will it enable people to meet their needs within	++	++	++	This option exceeds the upper end of the recommended OAN range[(1)] and by meeting the full, objectively assessed need for housing in the District, it will have a direct, long-term, positive effect on this SA objective. The requirement is expected to enable the delivery of a range of	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Household projections suggest a considerable growth in the number of older people. The SHMA[(2)] identified a critical affordable housing need. Objectively assessed housing need for the

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and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	their existing communities? ● Will it ensure that people can afford their housing?				housing types and tenures, making a significant contribution to meeting community needs. The impact of this option on the SA objective is more significant than under all other options. This option is likely to make the most contribution to addressing the needs of an ageing population and ensuring that problems of affordability can be satisfactorily addressed, improving outcomes for older people and those who still need to access the housing market.	District is between 235dpa and 300dpa. This option will meet the objectively assessed housing need of the plan area and will go further than any other option considered towards addressing affordable housing need and offering opportunities for investment in meeting the housing needs of older people. **Mitigation measures**: Wider initiatives of the Council should be supported to help deliver additional affordable homes.
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	● Will it minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? ● Will it support the use of public transport? ● Will it support safe walking and cycling? ● Will it protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	?/-	?/--	?/--	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. However this requirement is likely to have a negative effect on minimising the impact of new development on existing traffic congestion. Due to the number of site allocations that would be required, it is likely that some new development would be delivered remote from town and village centres, making the use of sustainable forms of transport less likely. The option could support priorities and provisions identified in the SMDC integrated transport strategy [(3)], including the proposed Local Transport Packages for Leek, Cheadle and Biddulph.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Lower levels of growth are likely to generate fewer new car journeys, resulting in less impact on existing congestion. Lower levels of growth will maximise the proportion of new development delivered close to existing centres, facilitating use of sustainable forms of transport. Higher levels of growth will allow most investment in support for walking and cycling initiatives. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that developments are brought forward in sustainable locations; support safe walking and cycling and improve access to the natural environment.
ENVIRONMENTAL						
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	● Will it reduce emissions of greenhouse gases particularly CO_2? ● Will it increase energy efficiency?	--	--	--	There is some uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of developments and the implementation of Local Plan policies. However this option is likely to result in the greatest overall increase in carbon emissions from the energy	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Even if individual properties are built to high environmental performance standards and delivered in sustainable locations, the total increase in number of dwellings and car

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	• Will it increase the use of renewable energy? • Will it ensure new development is in accessible locations in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?				consumption and emissions arising from construction and use of new development and associated car journeys.	journeys is likely to increase energy use and associated greenhouse gas emissions. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that high environmental design standards are supported and that developments are brought forward in accessible locations that support the use of sustainable forms of transport.
8. To improve air quality.	• Will it minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Will it maximise the removal of air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	?	?/-	--	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. However as this option represents the highest level of housing growth, it is likely to give rise to the highest level of new emissions of airborne pollutants associated with additional car journeys. In the medium-term there is potential for development to be delivered within 500m of an identified area of poor air quality.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Identified areas of poor air quality include the Cellarhead junction (between the A52 and A520); Ball Haye Street, Leek (a primary link road from Leek A53 to the A523 Macclesfield and Buxton Road) and Broad Street, Leek (a primary link road from Stoke on Trent)[(4)]. The total increase in number of dwellings and car journeys is likely to increase emission of airborne pollutants. There is a risk that air quality may deteriorate in areas of existing low quality. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that developments include appropriate landscaping to aid removal of air pollutants.
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Is new development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Will it reduce risk of flooding eg by encouraging the integration of mitigation measures such as SuDS into new development?	?	?	?	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. However the SFRA[(5)] confirms that there are few locations in which development would significantly increase fluvial flood risk elsewhere, due to the majority of potentially suitable sites for development being	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Development - at whatever overall scale - will be permitted only where schemes meet development plan requirements for management of flood risk. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that new developments are directed towards areas

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	• Will it protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Will it encourage water efficiency and demand management?				located within Flood Zone 1, with only a few sites partially within Flood Zone 2 or 3. This option requires the most peripheral development proposed on agricultural (greenfield) land on the outskirts of settlements, and thus poses the greatest risk of all options to increase surface water flood risk within towns or villages and further downstream as a result of increased surface water runoff and reduced infiltration.	of least flood risk and incorporate SuDS wherever possible.
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Will it protect and promote effective management of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance? • Will it help contribute to Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Will it help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	?/-	?/--	?/--	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. However as it proposes the highest level of housing growth, of all options considered, this option is likely to provide least overall, long-term protection for biodiversity and natural networks. There will however be the greatest level of new investment and associated opportunities to deliver biodiversity enhancement or the extension of GI networks as part of schemes. Given it will lead to the highest recreational and other urbanising pressures on the closest European sites, of all options considered, this option is also likely to afford least protection for the integrity of European sites. However the HRA of the Local Plan will ensure that Local Plan policies and allocations will not result in adverse effects on European designated sites.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Policies in the Local Plan will provide protection for biodiversity and for sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, but the higher the level of growth, the greater the need to allocate sites in the countryside, on the periphery of settlements, including potentially requiring Green Belt release and potentially sites within the zone of influence of European designated sites. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure conservation and enhancement of biodiversity and that any development proposal is not permitted to have an adverse effect on the integrity of a European site.
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources;	• Will it safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Will it minimise the loss of greenfield land?	?/-	?/--	?/--	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. However	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Policies in the Local Plan will provide protection for the best and most versatile agricultural land and

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and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Will it reduce land contamination / instability? • Will it reduce the amount of derelict land? • Will it protect notable geological and geomorphological features?				as it proposes the highest level of housing growth of all options considered, this option is likely to provide least overall, long-term protection for the best and most versatile agricultural land.	geological resources, but the higher the level of growth, the greater the need to allocate agricultural (greenfield) sites. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure protection and enhancement of geologically important sites.
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Will it reduce waste generation? • Will it maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Will it increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	?	?	?	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Policies in the Local Plan will encourage the re-use of existing buildings wherever possible. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support waste minimisation.
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Will it ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Will it protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	?/-	?/--	?/--	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. However with the highest level of housing growth proposed, of all options considered, this option is least likely to result in protection of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated) along with their settings.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Policies in the Local Plan will provide protection for heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings. However the higher the level of growth, the greater the number of site allocations that will be made, increasing the risk of altering the character of settlements and resulting in deterioration of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) or their settings that could not be reasonably mitigated. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support protection and enhancement for the character of towns / villages; heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.

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14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Will it protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Will it promote development on brownfield land? • Will it safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	?/-	?/--	?/--	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. The Landscape and Settlement Character Assessment Study[6] offers guidance to help ensure new development required in the District takes place in locations that are compatible with the unique quality of the Staffordshire Moorlands landscape and in sympathy with the setting of a particular settlement. The HEA[7] identified that (within each of the study areas) historic character had been retained and that beyond the present extent of the built areas, a dispersed settlement pattern was still predominant. With the highest level of housing growth proposed, of all options considered, this option is the least likely to result in the protection of the character and appearance of the landscape, including historic landscapes, and other natural assets and resources.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Policies in the Local Plan will provide protection for landscape character and natural assets. However the higher the level of growth, the greater the number of site allocations that will be made, increasing the risk of resulting in an adverse effect on the character of landscapes, including historic landscapes, that could not be reasonably mitigated. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support protection and enhancement of the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Will it support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Does it help support tourism and the visitor economy?	?	?	?	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. With the highest level of housing growth proposed, of all options considered, this option is the most likely to result in a long-term, adverse impact on local distinctiveness, potentially leading to an associated long-term negative impact on tourism and the visitor economy. However, this is balanced by the option also providing the most opportunity for investment in culture and tourism that could result in long-term positive effects on the local economy.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: The higher the level of growth, the greater the number of site allocations that will be made, increasing the risk of congestion and an adverse effect on the character and appearance of landscapes, towns and villages that together may detract from the further development of local distinctiveness and could result in long-term negative impacts on tourism and the visitor economy. Counter to this, higher levels of growth provide the most opportunities for investment that may support tourism and the visitor economy. **Mitigation measures**: Local

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						Plan policies to support tourism and the visitor economy.
ECONOMIC						
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Will it safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Will it safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	++	++	++	This option uses the scenario based on past trends job growth but incorporating partial catch up headship rates. Modelling the level of housing needed were historic job growth trends set to continue over the plan period indicates there would need to be an increase in the population of 13,697 in the district 2014-31. The increase in spending in the local economy this is likely to generate should result in significant benefits to the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, contributing to the safeguarding and improvement of shops and services. However these benefits should be treated with caution since the SHMA December 2016 update notes that the population growth would primarily be achieved by very significant levels of net inward migration counteracting natural change and this is likely to require a step change in migration above the level that may be achievable in the district.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Residents of new developments will support their local retail, leisure and service provision. To achieve the 450dpa that would be required based on a continuation of past job growth rates would require a 6-fold increase in net population growth compared to the 2014-based SNPP and would require more than 10,000 additional migrants from elsewhere across the UK/abroad to move into the district. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support town and village centres.
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Will it provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Will it provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	++	++	++	This projection estimates that there could be an increase in the labour force of 3,746 2014-31 (220pa). This is likely to result in a significant positive effect on business, the local economy and local employment. However these benefits should be treated with caution since SHMA December 2016 update notes that the population growth would primarily be achieved by very significant levels of net inward migration counteracting natural change and this is likely to require a step change	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: A local labour supply will help to deliver economic growth across the plan area. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support sustainable economic growth.

SA Objective	Option 4: 450 new homes each year					
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					in migration above the level that may be achievable in the district.	
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Will it meet the employment needs of local people? • Will it increase economic activity levels? • Will it improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Will it support higher income levels for local residents?	++	++	++	The past trends scenario provides employment growth in the district of 3,038 jobs 2014-31 (179pa). The option is likely to have a significant positive effect on the local economy and local employment. However these benefits should be treated with caution since the SHMA December 2016 update notes that the population growth required to underpin this job growth would primarily be achieved by inward migration as opposed to natural change. To achieve the 450dpa that would be required based on a continuation of past job growth rates would require a 6-fold increase in net population growth compared to the 2014-based SNPP and would require more than 10,000 additional migrants from elsewhere across the UK/abroad to move into the district.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Whilst there is not a direct causal relationship between job growth and housing needs, the two are nevertheless fundamentally related. Ensuring a sufficient supply of homes within easy access of employment is a central element of an efficiently functioning economy. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support sustainable economic growth.

Summary of significant effects:

This option proposes the delivery of 450 new dwellings per year. It will have a direct and significant positive effect on the SA objective to ensure provision of homes to meet local needs since it exceeds the upper end of the recommended objectively assessed housing need range. This option should make the greatest contribution of all options considered to addressing affordable housing need and the needs of an ageing population. Predicted population growth of around 13,700 is likely to increase spending in the local economy resulting in positive benefits for the District's towns and villages, including helping to safeguard local shops and services. The past trends scenario provides employment growth in the district of 3,038 jobs 2014-31 (179pa) and an increase in the labour force of 3,746 2014-31 (220pa). As a result, the option is likely to have a significant positive effect on the local economy and local employment. However these predicted positive effects should be treated with caution, since the SHMA December 2016 update notes that the population growth required to underpin this job growth would primarily be achieved by inward migration as opposed to natural change. To achieve the 450dpa that would be required based on a continuation of past job growth rates would require a 6-fold increase in net population growth compared to the 2014-based SNPP and would require more than 10,000 additional migrants from elsewhere across the UK/abroad to move into the district. This is considered to be at odds with what may be reasonably expected to occur in the district. As the highest growth option, requiring the highest number of site allocations, by comparison with other options considered, this alternative is likely to result in significant negative effects on SA objectives relating to the protection of biodiversity; the character of towns, villages and heritage assets and their settings; and landscape character and natural assets. The high level of housing growth is also likely to result in negative effects on objectives relating to climate change contributions and air quality that are associated with energy consumption and emissions arising from construction and use of new dwellings and associated car journeys. This level of new housing development is not likely to enable growth to be focused on small urban extensions and small sites within the existing settlement boundaries, which

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may result in increasing the distance people need to travel to access key services and facilities and makes the use of sustainable forms of transport less likely. However since this option proposes the highest level of growth, it is likely to result in the highest level of investment in community facilities, including Green Infrastructure and other measures that may help to reduce health inequalities, leading to positive effects on the SA objective relating to supporting health improvements.						

Table 16.5 Assessment Table for Option 4: 450 new homes each year

1. Staffordshire Moorlands SHMA: December 2016 Revision; Nathaniel Lichfield & Partners; February 2017
2. Strategic Housing Market Assessment and Housing Needs Study; Nathaniel Lichfield & Partners; June 2014
3. Staffordshire Moorlands District Integrated Transport Strategy 2013-2031; Staffordshire County Council; November 2013
4. 2014 Air Quality Progress Report for Staffordshire Moorlands District Council In fulfillment of Part IV of the Environment Act 1995 Local Air Quality Management; SMDC; November 2014
5. Staffordshire Moorlands Level 1 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) Update; AECOM Infrastructure and Environment UK Ltd; October 2015
6. Landscape and Settlement Character Assessment Study; Wardell Armstrong; 2008
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SA Objective	January 2016 Option 1: 250 new homes each year					
	Decision making criteria	Time-frame			Nature of effect; Comments	Justification; cumulative effects / mitigation measures
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SOCIAL						
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Will it make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Will it improve neighbourhood quality? • Will it ensure that there is adequate open space	?	?	?	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. There is a balance between loss of countryside as a result of development and provision of new, accessible open space as part of new developments. This requirement may offer the least opportunity for	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Community cohesion and local environmental quality are more dependent on design and location of new development than on the overall housing requirement. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that good standards of amenity and open space and Green

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	and support Green Infrastructure? ● Will it minimise light and noise pollution? ● Will it ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?				associated benefits such as new or enhanced community facilities to be delivered as a result of new development.	Infrastructure are delivered as part of new housing development.
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	● Will it remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? ● Will it help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	?	?	?	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. However this option will deliver the least housing growth of the four options considered and thus the least opportunity to improve accessibility to key services and facilities. Despite this, lower levels of housing growth will enable a focus of growth on small urban extensions and small sites within the existing settlement boundary which is likely to help minimise the distance people need to travel.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Equality of opportunity for all persons will be improved by any measure that has the effect of improving overall accessibility to jobs, services and facilities. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that new developments are brought forward in sustainable locations.
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	● Will it improve health or access to health facilities? ● Will it promote healthy lifestyles?	?/-	?/-	?/--	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. However this option will deliver the least housing growth of the four options considered and thus the least	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Investment in new infrastructure keeps pace with growth. More housing growth offers more opportunities to invest in new health-care facilities, including new or improved opportunities for walking and

SA Objective	January 2016 Option 1: 250 new homes each year					
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	• Will it reduce health inequalities? • Will it provide opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?				opportunity to improve health infrastructure, including opportunities for walking and cycling. In the long term there could be a deterioration in health through lack of investment in health-care, leisure and physical recreational facilities. There is a balance between loss of countryside as a result of development and provision of improved opportunities to access the countryside as part of new developments.	cycling. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that new developments deliver opportunities to increase take up of sustainable transport choices and improvements to healthy travel networks, including increased opportunities for access to the countryside.
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Will it reduce actual levels of crime? • Will it reduce fear of crime?	?	?	?	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the implementation of relevant Local Plan policies.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Good design will help minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that new developments are well designed, creating safe places and reducing opportunities for anti-social behaviour.
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Will it provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Will it enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Will it ensure that people can afford their housing?	+	+	+	This option represents the lower end of the recommended OAN range[(1)] and by meeting the full demographically-assessed need for housing in the District will have a direct, long-term, positive effect on this SA objective. The requirement is expected to enable the delivery of a range of housing types and tenures, making a contribution to meeting community needs. However the impact of this option on the SA objective is less significant than under all other options. This option is likely to make the least contribution to addressing the needs of an ageing population or ensuring that problems of affordability can be satisfactorily addressed, risking adverse outcomes for older people and those who still need to access the housing market.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Household projections suggest a considerable growth in the number of older people. The SHMA[(2)] identified a critical affordable housing need. Objectively assessed housing need for the District is between 250dpa and 440dpa. This option will meet the objectively assessed housing need of the plan area but fails fully to address affordable housing need, or offer maximum opportunity for investment in meeting the housing needs of older people. **Mitigation measures**: Wider initiatives of the Council should be supported to help deliver additional affordable homes.

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6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Will it minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Will it support the use of public transport? • Will it support safe walking and cycling? • Will it protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	?/+	?/+	?/+	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. However this requirement could have a positive effect on minimising the impact of new development on existing traffic congestion and could offer support for the use of sustainable forms of transport through delivering most new development close to town and village centres. The option could support priorities and provisions identified in the SMDC integrated transport strategy (3), including the proposed Local Transport Packages for Leek, Cheadle and Biddulph.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Lower levels of growth are likely to generate fewer new car journeys, resulting in less impact on existing congestion. Lower levels of growth will maximise the proportion of new development delivered close to existing centres, facilitating use of sustainable forms of transport. Higher levels of growth will allow most investment in support for sustainable transport. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that developments are brought forward in sustainable locations; support safe walking and cycling and improve access to the natural environment.
ENVIRONMENTAL						
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Will it reduce emissions of greenhouse gases particularly CO_2? • Will it increase energy efficiency? • Will it increase the use of renewable energy? • Will it ensure new development is in accessible locations in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	-	-	-	There is some uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of developments and the implementation of Local Plan policies. However this option is likely to result in the smallest overall increase in carbon emissions from the energy consumption and emissions arising from construction and use of new development and associated car journeys.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Even if individual properties are built to high environmental performance standards and delivered in sustainable locations, the total increase in number of dwellings and car journeys is likely to increase energy use and associated greenhouse gas emissions. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that high environmental design standards are supported and that developments are brought forward in accessible locations that support the use of sustainable forms of transport.

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8. To improve air quality.	• Will it minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Will it maximise the removal of air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	?	?	?/-	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. However as this option represents the lowest level of growth, it is likely to give rise to the lowest level of new emissions of airborne pollutants associated with additional car journeys. In the long-term there is some potential for development to be delivered within 500m of an identified area of poor air quality.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Identified areas of poor air quality include the Cellarhead junction (between the A52 and A520); Ball Haye Street, Leek (a primary link road from Leek A53 to the A523 Macclesfield and Buxton Road) and Broad Street, Leek (a primary link road from Stoke on Trent)[(4)]. The total increase in number of dwellings and car journeys is likely to increase emission of airborne pollutants. There is a risk that air quality may deteriorate in areas of existing low quality. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that developments include appropriate landscaping to aid removal of air pollutants.
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Is new development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Will it reduce risk of flooding eg by encouraging the integration of mitigation measures such as SuDS into new development? • Will it protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Will it encourage water efficiency and demand management?	?	?	?	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. However the SFRA[(5)] confirms that there are few locations in which development would significantly increase fluvial flood risk elsewhere, due to the majority of potentially suitable sites for development being located within Flood Zone 1, with only a few sites partially within Flood Zone 2 or 3. This option requires the least peripheral development proposed on agricultural (greenfield) land on the outskirts of settlements, and thus poses the lowest risk of all options to increase surface water flood risk within towns or villages and further downstream as a result of increased surface water runoff and reduced infiltration.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Development - at whatever overall scale - will be permitted only where schemes meet development plan requirements for management of flood risk. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that new developments are directed towards areas of least flood risk and incorporate SuDS wherever possible.

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10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Will it protect and promote effective management of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance? • Will it help contribute to Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Will it help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	?	?/+	?/++	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. However as it proposes the lowest level of growth, this option is likely to provide most overall, long-term protection for biodiversity and natural networks. There will however be the lowest level of new investment and associated opportunities to deliver biodiversity enhancement or the extension of GI networks as part of schemes. Given it will lead to the lowest recreational and other urbanising pressures on the closest European sites, of all options considered, this option is also likely to afford most protection for the integrity of European sites. However the HRA of the Local Plan will ensure that Local Plan policies and allocations will not result in adverse effects on European designated sites.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Policies in the Local Plan will provide protection for biodiversity and for sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, but the higher the level of growth, the greater the need to allocate sites in the countryside, on the periphery of settlements, including potentially requiring Green Belt release and potentially sites within the zone of influence of European designated sites. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure conservation and enhancement of biodiversity and that any development proposal is not permitted to have an adverse effect on the integrity of a European site.
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Will it safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Will it minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Will it reduce land contamination / instability? • Will it reduce the amount of derelict land? • Will it protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	?	?/+	?/++	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. However as it proposes the lowest level of growth, this option is likely to provide most overall, long-term protection for the best and most versatile agricultural land.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Policies in the Local Plan will provide protection for the best and most versatile agricultural land and geological resources, but the higher the level of growth, the greater the need to allocate agricultural (greenfield) sites. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure protection and enhancement of geologically important sites.

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12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Will it reduce waste generation? • Will it maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Will it increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	?	?	?	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Policies in the Local Plan will encourage the re-use of existing buildings wherever possible. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support waste minimisation.
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Will it ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Will it protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	?	?/+	?/++	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. However with the lowest level of growth proposed, of all options considered, this option is most likely to result in protection of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated) along with their settings.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Policies in the Local Plan will provide protection for heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings. However the higher the level of growth, the greater the number of site allocations that will be made, increasing the risk of altering the character of settlements and resulting in deterioration of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) or their settings that could not be reasonably mitigated. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support protection and enhancement for the character of towns / villages; heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Will it protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Will it promote development on brownfield land? • Will it safeguard protected sites and	?	?/+	?/++	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. The Landscape and Settlement Character Assessment Study[(6)] offers guidance to help ensure new development required in the District takes place in locations that are compatible with the unique quality of the Staffordshire Moorlands landscape	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Policies in the Local Plan will provide protection for landscape character and natural assets. However the higher the level of growth, the greater the number of site allocations that will be made, increasing the risk of resulting in an adverse effect on the character of landscapes, including historic landscapes, that could not be reasonably mitigated. **Mitigation measures**:

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	provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?				and in sympathy with the setting of a particular settlement. The HEA[(7)] identified that (within each of the study areas) historic character had been retained and that beyond the present extent of the built areas, a dispersed settlement pattern was still predominant. With the lowest level of growth proposed, of all options considered, this option is the most likely to result in the protection of the character and appearance of the landscape, including historic landscapes, and other natural assets and resources.	Local Plan policies to support protection and enhancement of the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Will it support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Does it help support tourism and the visitor economy?	?	?	?	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. With the lowest level of growth proposed, of all options considered, this option is the least likely to result in a long-term, adverse impact on local distinctiveness, potentially leading to an associated long-term positive impact on tourism and the visitor economy. However, this is balanced by the option also providing the least opportunity for investment in culture and tourism that could result in long-term negative effects on the local economy.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: The higher the level of growth, the greater the number of site allocations that will be made, increasing the risk of congestion and an adverse effect on the character and appearance of landscapes, towns and villages that together may detract from the further development of local distinctiveness and could result in long-term negative impacts on tourism and the visitor economy. Counter to this, higher levels of growth provide the most opportunities for investment that may support tourism and the visitor economy. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support tourism and the visitor economy.
ECONOMIC						

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16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Will it safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Will it safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	+	+	+	Under this option, the population of the district is projected to increase by 2,882 to 2031. The population growth predicted arises from high levels of in-migration counteracted by natural change resulting from an excess of deaths over births. The increase in spending in the local economy this is likely to generate should result in benefits to the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, contributing to the safeguarding and improvement of shops and services. Although since this option provides for the lowest level of growth, the benefits would be lowest of all options considered.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Residents of new developments will support their local retail, leisure and service provision. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support town and village centres.
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Will it provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Will it provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	-	--	--	This option is likely to lead to the loss of 2,075 jobs over the plan period. This is likely to result in a significant negative effect on business, the local economy and local employment through a lack of encouragement for investment in business and infrastructure.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: A local labour supply will help to deliver economic growth across the plan area. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support sustainable economic growth.
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Will it meet the employment needs of local people? • Will it increase economic activity levels? • Will it improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Will it support higher income levels for local residents?	-	--	--	It is projected that the number of people aged over 65 in the District will increase by 39% by 2031. The oldest age groups (75-84 and 85+) would see the most substantial increases of 69% and 134% respectively[(8)]. Under this option, the ageing profile of the population is likely to result in a reduction in the labour force, with the working age population expected to decline by 4,058 by 2031. Taking into account overall economic activity rates of individual age groups, this option	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Whilst there is not a direct causal relationship between job growth and housing needs, the two are nevertheless fundamentally related. Ensuring a sufficient supply of homes within easy access of employment is a central element of an efficiently functioning economy. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support sustainable economic growth.

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					indicates that the labour force would decline by 2,075 over the plan period. The option is likely to have a negative effect on the local economy and local employment.	

Summary of significant effects:

This option proposes the delivery of 250 new dwellings per year. It will have a direct, long-term positive effect on the SA objective to ensure provision of homes to meet local needs since it represents the lower end of the recommended objectively assessed housing need range. However being the lower end of the range, the option makes the least contribution of all options considered to addressing affordable housing need and the needs of an ageing population. Predicted population growth of around 2,800 is likely to increase spending in the local economy resulting in positive benefits for the District's towns and villages including helping to safeguard local shops and services. However since this option provides for the lowest level of growth, these benefits would be lowest of all options considered. This option is likely to lead to the loss of 2,075 jobs over the plan period. This is likely to result in a significant negative effect on business, the local economy and local employment through a lack of encouragement for investment in business and infrastructure. As the lowest growth option, requiring the lowest number of site allocations, by comparison with other options considered, this alternative is likely to result in minor positive effects on SA objectives relating to the protection of biodiversity; the character of towns, villages and heritage assets and their settings; and landscape character and natural assets. The low level of growth is also likely to minimise the negative effects on objectives relating to climate change contributions and air quality that are associated with energy consumption and emissions arising from construction and use of new dwellings and associated car journeys. The low level of growth is also likely to help enable a focus of new development on small urban extensions and small sites within existing settlement boundaries resulting in minor positive effects on minimising the distance people need to travel to access key services and facilities and increasing the opportunities for use of sustainable forms of transport. However since this option proposes the lowest level of growth, it is also likely to result in the lowest level of investment in community facilities, including Green Infrastructure and other measures that help to reduce health inequalities, leading to minor negative effects on the SA objective relating to supporting health improvements.

Table 16.6 Assessment Table for Option 1: 250 new homes each year

1. Staffordshire Moorlands 2012-based SNHP Update: January 2016 Revision; Nathaniel Lichfield & Partners; January 2016
2. Strategic Housing Market Assessment and Housing Needs Study; Nathaniel Lichfield & Partners; June 2014
3. Staffordshire Moorlands District Integrated Transport Strategy 2013-2031; Staffordshire County Council; November 2013
4. 2014 Air Quality Progress Report for Staffordshire Moorlands District Council In fulfillment of Part IV of the Environment Act 1995 Local Air Quality Management; SMDC; November 2014
5. Staffordshire Moorlands Level 1 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) Update; AECOM Infrastructure and Environment UK Ltd; October 2015
6. Landscape and Settlement Character Assessment Study; Wardell Armstrong; 2008
7. Historic Environment Character Assessment: Staffordshire Moorlands; Staffordshire County Council; August 2010
8. Staffordshire Moorlands 2012-based SNHP Update; Nathaniel Lichfield & Partners; January 2016

January 2016 Housing Requirement Option 2

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	Decision making criteria	Time-frame			Nature of effect; Comments	Justification; cumulative effects / mitigation measures
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SOCIAL						
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Will it make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Will it improve neighbourhood quality? • Will it ensure that there is adequate open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Will it minimise light and noise pollution? • Will it ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	?	?	?	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. There is a balance between loss of countryside as a result of development and provision of new, accessible open space as part of new developments. This requirement may offer fewer opportunities than options 3 and 4 for achieving associated benefits of investment, such as new or enhanced community facilities, but there would be more opportunities than under option 1.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Community cohesion and local environmental quality are more dependent on design and location of new development than on the overall housing requirement. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that good standards of amenity and open space and Green Infrastructure are delivered as part of new housing development.
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Will it remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Will it help to minimise the distance people	?	?	?	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. However this option will deliver more growth than under option 1, but less growth than proposed under options 3 or 4 and thus some opportunity to improve accessibility to key services and facilities. Lower levels of housing growth may enable a focus of growth on small urban extensions and small sites within the existing settlement boundary which is likely to help minimise the distance people need to travel.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Equality of opportunity for all persons will be improved by any measure that has the effect of improving overall accessibility to jobs, services and facilities. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that new developments are brought forward in sustainable locations.

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	need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.					
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Will it improve health or access to health facilities? • Will it promote healthy lifestyles? • Will it reduce health inequalities? • Will it provide opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	?	?/-	?/-	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. However this option will deliver more growth than under option 1, but less growth than proposed under options 3 or 4 and thus some opportunity to improve health infrastructure, including opportunities for walking and cycling. In the long term there could be a deterioration in health through lack of investment in health-care, leisure and physical recreational facilities. There is a balance between loss of countryside as a result of development and provision of improved opportunities to access the countryside as part of new developments.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Investment in new infrastructure keeps pace with growth. More housing growth offers more opportunities to invest in new health-care facilities, including new or improved opportunities for walking and cycling. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that new developments deliver opportunities to increase take up of sustainable transport choices and improvements to healthy travel networks, including increased opportunities for access to the countryside.
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Will it reduce actual levels of crime? • Will it reduce fear of crime?	?	?	?	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the implementation of relevant Local Plan policies.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Good design will help minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that new developments are well designed, creating safe places and reducing opportunities for anti-social behaviour.
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in	• Will it provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met?	+	+	++	This option represents the job stabilisation / past trends job growth scenario(1). It is also broadly aligned with the requirement identified in the adopted Core Strategy (300dpa). By meeting the full assessed need for housing in the District, this	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Household projections suggest a considerable growth in the number of older people. The SHMA(2) identified a critical affordable

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appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Will it enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Will it ensure that people can afford their housing?				option will have a direct, long-term, positive effect on the SA objective. The requirement is expected to enable the delivery of a range of housing types and tenures, making a contribution to meeting community needs. While the impact of this option on the SA objective is greater than that under option 1, it is less significant than under options 3 and 4. Whilst this option is likely to contribute to addressing the needs of an ageing population and ensuring that problems of affordability can be addressed, there is a greater risk of adverse outcomes for older people and those who still need to access the housing market than under options 3 and 4.	housing need. Objectively assessed housing need for the District is between 250dpa and 440dpa. This option will meet the objectively assessed housing need of the plan area but fails fully to address affordable housing need, or offer maximum opportunity for investment in meeting the housing needs of older people. **Mitigation measures**: Wider initiatives of the Council should be supported to help deliver additional affordable homes.
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Will it minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Will it support the use of public transport? • Will it support safe walking and cycling? • Will it protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	?/+	?/+	?/++	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. However since it proposes a lower level of growth than under options 3 and 4, in comparison with other alternatives considered, this requirement could have a long-term positive effect on minimising the impact of new development on existing traffic congestion and could offer support for the use of sustainable forms of transport through delivering new development close to town and village centres. The option could support priorities and provisions identified in the SMDC integrated transport strategy (3), including the proposed Local Transport Packages for Leek, Cheadle and Biddulph.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Lower levels of growth are likely to generate fewer new car journeys, resulting in less impact on existing congestion. Lower levels of growth will maximise the proportion of new development delivered close to existing centres, facilitating use of sustainable forms of transport. Higher levels of growth will allow most investment in support for sustainable transport. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that developments are brought forward in sustainable locations; support safe walking and cycling and improve access to the natural environment.
ENVIRONMENTAL						

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7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Will it reduce emissions of greenhouse gases particularly CO_2? • Will it increase energy efficiency? • Will it increase the use of renewable energy? • Will it ensure new development is in accessible locations in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	-	-	- -	There is some uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of developments and the implementation of Local Plan policies. However since it proposes a lower level of growth than under options 3 and 4, in comparison with other alternatives considered, this requirement is likely to result in a lower overall increase in carbon emissions from the energy consumption and emissions arising from construction and use of new development and associated car journeys. In the long-term there is likely to be a more significant negative impact than under option 1 since this proposes lower growth.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Even if individual properties are built to high environmental performance standards and delivered in sustainable locations, the total increase in number of dwellings and car journeys is likely to increase energy use and associated greenhouse gas emissions. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that high environmental design standards are supported and that developments are brought forward in accessible locations that support the use of sustainable forms of transport.
8. To improve air quality.	• Will it minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Will it maximise the removal of air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	?	?/-	?/-	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. However since it proposes a lower level of growth than under options 3 and 4, in comparison with other alternatives considered, this requirement is likely to give rise to lower levels of new emissions of airborne pollutants associated with additional car journeys. In the medium and long-term there is likely to be a more significant negative impact than under option 1 and some potential for development to be delivered within 500m of an identified area of poor air quality.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Identified areas of poor air quality include the Cellarhead junction (between the A52 and A520); Ball Haye Street, Leek (a primary link road from Leek A53 to the A523 Macclesfield and Buxton Road) and Broad Street, Leek (a primary link road from Stoke on Trent)[(4)]. The total increase in number of dwellings and car journeys is likely to increase emission of airborne pollutants, there is a risk that air quality may deteriorate in areas of existing low quality. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that developments include appropriate landscaping to aid removal of air pollutants.
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and	• Is new development directed towards areas of least flood risk?	?	?	?	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**:

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enhance water sources.	• Will it reduce risk of flooding eg by encouraging the integration of mitigation measures such as SuDS into new development? • Will it protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Will it encourage water efficiency and demand management?				on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. However the SFRA[(5)] confirms that there are few locations in which development would significantly increase fluvial flood risk elsewhere, due to the majority of potentially suitable sites for development being located within Flood Zone 1, with only a few sites partially within Flood Zone 2 or 3. Since it proposes a lower level of growth than under options 3 and 4, in comparison with other alternatives considered, this requirement is likely to result in less peripheral development proposed on agricultural (greenfield) land on the outskirts of settlements, and thus result in less risk of surface water flood risk within towns or villages and further downstream as a result of increased surface water runoff and reduced infiltration. Although in the long-term there is likely to be a more significant negative impact than under option 1.	Development - at whatever overall scale - will be permitted only where schemes meet development plan requirements for management of flood risk. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that new developments are directed towards areas of least flood risk and incorporate SuDS wherever possible.
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Will it protect and promote effective management of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance? • Will it help contribute to Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Will it help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	?	?/+	?/+	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. However, since it proposes a lower level of growth than under options 3 and 4, in comparison with other alternatives considered, this requirement is likely to provide overall, long-term protection for biodiversity and natural networks. However in comparison with options 3 and 4, there is likely to be a lower level of new investment and associated opportunities to deliver biodiversity enhancement or the extension of GI networks as part of schemes. Given that in comparison with options 3 and 4, this requirement is likely to lead to lower recreational and other urbanising pressures on the	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Policies in the Local Plan will provide protection for biodiversity and for sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, but the higher the level of growth, the greater the need to allocate sites in the countryside, on the periphery of settlements, including sites potentially requiring Green Belt release or within the zone of influence of European designated sites. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure conservation and enhancement of biodiversity and that any development proposal is not permitted to have an adverse effect on the integrity of a European site.

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					closest European sites, the option is also likely to afford long-term protection for the integrity of European sites. Whilst positive impacts are not as significant as under option 1, the HRA of the Local Plan will ensure that Local Plan policies and allocations will not result in adverse effects on European designated sites.	
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Will it safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Will it minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Will it reduce land contamination / instability? • Will it reduce the amount of derelict land? • Will it protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	?	?/+	?/+	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. However since it proposes a lower level of growth than under options 3 and 4, in comparison with other alternatives considered, this requirement is likely to provide overall, long-term protection for the best and most versatile agricultural land. However positive impacts are not as significant as under option 1.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Policies in the Local Plan will provide protection for the best and most versatile agricultural land and geological resources, but the higher the level of growth, the greater the need to allocate agricultural (greenfield) sites. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure protection and enhancement of geologically important sites.
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Will it reduce waste generation? • Will it maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Will it increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	?	?	?	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Policies in the Local Plan will encourage the re-use of existing buildings wherever possible. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support waste minimisation.
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns /	• Will it ensure the continued protection and enhancement of	?	?/+	?/+	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Policies in the Local Plan will provide

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villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? ● Will it protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?				implementation of Local Plan policies. However since it proposes a lower level of growth than under options 3 and 4, in comparison with other alternatives considered, this requirement is likely to result in protection of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated) along with their settings. Positive impacts are not as significant as under option 1.	protection for heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings. However the higher the level of growth, the greater the number of site allocations that will be made, increasing the risk of altering the character of settlements and resulting in deterioration of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) or their settings that could not be reasonably mitigated. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support protection and enhancement for the character of towns / villages; heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	● Will it protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? ● Will it promote development on brownfield land? ● Will it safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	?	?/+	?/+	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. The Landscape and Settlement Character Assessment Study[(6)] offers guidance to help ensure new development required in the District takes place in locations that are compatible with the unique quality of the Staffordshire Moorlands landscape and in sympathy with the setting of a particular settlement. The HEA[(7)] identified that (within each of the study areas) historic character had been retained and that beyond the present extent of the built areas, a dispersed settlement pattern was still predominant. Since it proposes a lower level of growth than under options 3 and 4, in comparison with other alternatives considered, this requirement is likely to result in the protection of the character and appearance of the landscape, including historic landscapes, and other natural assets and	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Policies in the Local Plan will provide protection for landscape character and natural assets. However the higher the level of growth, the greater the number of site allocations that will be made, increasing the risk of resulting in an adverse effect on the character of landscapes, including historic landscapes, that could not be reasonably mitigated. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support protection and enhancement of the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.

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					resources. Positive impacts are not as significant as under option 1.	
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Will it support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Does it help support tourism and the visitor economy?	?	?	?	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. However since it proposes a lower level of growth than under options 3 and 4, in comparison with other alternatives considered, this requirement is less likely to result in a long-term, adverse impact on local distinctiveness, and this may lead to a long-term positive impact on tourism and the visitor economy. The significance is less than under option 1. The positive impacts are balanced by the requirement also providing less opportunity than under options 3 and 4 for investment in culture and tourism and this may result in long-term negative effects on the local economy.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: The higher the level of growth, the greater the number of site allocations that will be made, increasing the risk of congestion and an adverse effect on the character and appearance of landscapes, towns and villages that together may detract from the further development of local distinctiveness and could result in long-term negative impacts on tourism and the visitor economy. Counter to this, higher levels of growth provide the most opportunities for investment that may support tourism and the visitor economy. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support tourism and the visitor economy.
ECONOMIC						
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Will it safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Will it safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	+	+	++	This option assumes that the number of jobs in the District remains at its current (2012) level over the plan period and since there is an ageing population, there would be a need for growth in the labour force, in-migration and ultimately housing. Creating a labour force large enough to support jobs would result in a population increase of 7,901. The increase in spending in the local economy this is likely to generate should result in benefits to the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, contributing to the safeguarding and improvement of shops and services. Although since this option proposes a lower level of growth than under options 3 and 4, in comparison with	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Residents of new developments will support their local retail, leisure and service provision. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support town and village centres.

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					other alternatives considered, this requirement is likely to result in less significant benefits. Benefits would be more significant than under option 1.	
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Will it provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Will it provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	+	+	+	This option is likely to lead to zero additional jobs (or a marginal increase from the 10% uplift for affordable housing) and is expected to help stem the decline of working age residents in the District. This is likely to result in a minor positive effect on business, the local economy and local employment.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Helping to stem the decline of working age residents in the District would achieve a more balanced population structure and reduce potential future economic difficulties and the demands of services associated with an ageing population and a more limited supply of labour. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support sustainable economic growth.
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Will it meet the employment needs of local people? • Will it increase economic activity levels? • Will it improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Will it support higher income levels for local residents?	0	0	+	This option is expected to maintain the current number of jobs in the District. This is likely to result in a long term minor positive impact on the local economy and local employment.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Whilst there is not a direct causal relationship between job growth and housing needs, the two are nevertheless fundamentally related. Ensuring a sufficient supply of homes within easy access of employment is a central element of an efficiently functioning economy. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support sustainable economic growth.
Summary of significant effects: This option proposes the delivery of 320 new dwellings per year. Since it is within the recommended objectively assessed housing need range, the housing requirement would have a direct, long-term positive effect on the SA objective to ensure provision of homes to meet local needs. This positive effect is likely to be more significant than under option 1. However being closer to the lower end of the range than options 3 and 4, the option makes less of a contribution than options 3 and 4 to addressing affordable housing need and the needs of an ageing population. Predicted population growth of around 7,900 is likely to increase spending in the local economy resulting in positive benefits for the District's towns and villages, including help to safeguard local shops and services. Under this option, these benefits are likely to be more significant than under option 1 and less significant than under options 3 and 4. This option is expected to maintain the current number of jobs in the district over the plan period. This is likely to result in a long term minor positive impact on business, the local economy and					

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	local employment. This compares favourably with the impacts on this objective likely under option 1, where significant negative impacts on SA objectives for supporting employment and economic growth are likely. However the positive impacts on economic growth under this option are less significant than those likely to result under options 3 and 4. Option 2 requires the second lowest number of site allocations of the four options considered, and consequently this alternative is likely to result in comparatively more positive effects on SA objectives relating to the protection of biodiversity; the character of towns, villages and heritage assets and their settings; and landscape character and natural assets than options 3 and 4. Positive effects on these objectives are slightly less under this option than under option 1. The lower level of growth under option 2 compared with options 3 and 4 is also likely to minimise the negative effects on objectives relating to climate change contributions and air quality that are associated with energy consumption and emissions arising from construction and use of new dwellings and associated car journeys. The lower level of growth is also likely more likely under option 2 than options 3 and 4 to enable a focus of new development on small urban extensions and small sites within existing settlement boundaries resulting in minor positive effects on minimising the distance people need to travel to access key services and facilities and increasing the opportunities for use of sustainable forms of transport. Benefits under option 2 in this regard are not likely to be as great as under option 1. However since option 2 proposes the second lowest level of growth of the four options considered, it is likely to result in a lower level of investment than under options 3 and 4 in community facilities, including Green Infrastructure and other measures that help to reduce health inequalities, leading to possible minor negative effects on the SA objective relating to supporting health improvements. These negative effects are not likely to be as significant as under option 1.					

Table 16.7 Assessment Table for Option 2: 320 new homes each year

1. Staffordshire Moorlands 2012-based SNHP Update: January 2016 Revision; Nathaniel Lichfield & Partners; January 2016
2. Strategic Housing Market Assessment and Housing Needs Study; Nathaniel Lichfield & Partners; June 2014
3. Staffordshire Moorlands District Integrated Transport Strategy 2013-2031; Staffordshire County Council; November 2013
4. 2014 Air Quality Progress Report for Staffordshire Moorlands District Council In fulfillment of Part IV of the Environment Act 1995 Local Air Quality Management; SMDC; November 2014
5. Staffordshire Moorlands Level 1 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) Update; AECOM Infrastructure and Environment UK Ltd; October 2015
6. Landscape and Settlement Character Assessment Study; Wardell Armstrong; 2008
7. Historic Environment Character Assessment: Staffordshire Moorlands; Staffordshire County Council; August 2010

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SOCIAL						
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Will it make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Will it improve neighbourhood quality? • Will it ensure that there is adequate open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Will it minimise light and noise pollution? • Will it ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	?	?/+	?/+	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. There is a balance between loss of countryside as a result of development and provision of new, accessible open space as part of new developments. This requirement may offer more opportunities than options 1 and 2 for achieving associated benefits of investment, such as new or enhanced community facilities, but there would be less opportunities than under option 4.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Community cohesion and local environmental quality are more dependent on design and location of new development than on the overall housing requirement. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that good standards of amenity and open space and Green Infrastructure are delivered as part of new housing development.
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Will it remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Will it help to minimise the distance people	?	?/+	?/+	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. However this option will deliver more growth than under options 1 and 2 (but less growth than proposed under option 4) and consequently there is opportunity to improve accessibility to key services and facilities through delivering more investment into the rural areas. However under this option it is less likely than under options 1 and 2 that the focus of growth could be delivered as small urban extensions and small sites within existing settlement boundaries and this may	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Equality of opportunity for all persons will be improved by any measure that has the effect of improving overall accessibility to jobs, services and facilities. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that new developments are brought forward in sustainable locations.

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	need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.				increase the distance that some people would need to travel in order to access key services and facilities.	
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Will it improve health or access to health facilities? • Will it promote healthy lifestyles? • Will it reduce health inequalities? • Will it provide opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	?	?/+	?/+	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. However this option will deliver more growth than under options 1 and 2 (but less growth than proposed under option 4) and consequently there is opportunity to improve health infrastructure, including opportunities for walking and cycling. In the long term there could be an indirectly positive effect on health through enabling investment in health-care, leisure and physical recreational facilities. There is a balance between loss of countryside as a result of development and provision of improved opportunities to access the countryside as part of new developments.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Investment in new infrastructure keeps pace with growth. More housing growth offers more opportunities to invest in new health-care facilities, including new or improved opportunities for walking and cycling. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that new developments deliver opportunities to increase take up of sustainable transport choices and improvements to healthy travel networks, including increased opportunities for access to the countryside.
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Will it reduce actual levels of crime? • Will it reduce fear of crime?	?	?	?	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the implementation of relevant Local Plan policies.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Good design will help minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that new developments are well designed, creating safe places and reducing opportunities for anti-social behaviour.
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in	• Will it provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met?	+	++	++	This option represents the Oxford Economics Job Growth scenario(1). This option represents to upper end of the objectively assessed housing need range. By meeting the full assessed need for housing in the District, this option will have a direct, medium and	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Household projections suggest a considerable growth in the number of older people. The SHMA(2) identified a critical

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appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Will it enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Will it ensure that people can afford their housing?				long-term, positive effect on the SA objective. The requirement is expected to enable the delivery of a range of housing types and tenures, making a significant contribution to meeting community needs. While the impact of this option on the SA objective is greater than that under options 1 and 2, it is less significant than under option 4. As the upper end of the OAN range, this option is likely to make a significant contribution to addressing the needs of an ageing population and ensuring that problems of affordability can be addressed.	affordable housing need. Objectively assessed housing need for the District is between 250dpa and 440dpa. This option will meet the objectively assessed housing need of the plan area and address both affordable housing need and the housing needs of older people. **Mitigation measures**: Wider initiatives of the Council should be supported to help deliver additional affordable homes.
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Will it minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Will it support the use of public transport? • Will it support safe walking and cycling? • Will it protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	?	?	?/-	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. However since it proposes a higher level of growth than under options 1 and 2, in comparison with other alternatives considered, this requirement could have a long-term negative effect on minimising the impact of new development on existing traffic congestion. Due to the extent of sites that are likely to be allocated under this option, it is less likely than under options 1and 2 that a high proportion of new development can be delivered close to town and village centres, possibly resulting in a lower use of sustainable forms of transport. The option is likely to support priorities and provisions identified in the SMDC integrated transport strategy [(3)], including the proposed Local Transport Packages for Leek, Cheadle and Biddulph.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Lower levels of growth are likely to generate fewer new car journeys, resulting in less impact on existing congestion. Lower levels of growth will maximise the proportion of new development delivered close to existing centres, facilitating use of sustainable forms of transport. Higher levels of growth will allow most investment in support for sustainable transport. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that developments are brought forward in sustainable locations; support safe walking and cycling and improve access to the natural environment.
ENVIRONMENTAL						

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7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Will it reduce emissions of greenhouse gases particularly CO_2? • Will it increase energy efficiency? • Will it increase the use of renewable energy? • Will it ensure new development is in accessible locations in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	-	--	--	There is some uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of developments and the implementation of Local Plan policies. However since it proposes a higher level of growth than under options 1 and 2, in comparison with other alternatives considered, this requirement is likely to result in a higher overall increase in carbon emissions from the energy consumption and emissions arising from construction and use of new development and associated car journeys. Impacts are likely to be less significant than under option 4.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Even if individual properties are built to high environmental performance standards and delivered in sustainable locations, the total increase in number of dwellings and car journeys is likely to increase energy use and associated greenhouse gas emissions. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that high environmental design standards are supported and that developments are brought forward in accessible locations that support the use of sustainable forms of transport.
8. To improve air quality.	• Will it minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Will it maximise the removal of air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	?	?/-	?/--	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. However since it proposes a higher level of growth than under options 1 and 2, in comparison with other alternatives considered, this requirement is likely to give rise to higher levels of new emissions of airborne pollutants associated with additional car journeys. In the medium and long-term there is likely to be a more significant negative impact than under options 1 and 2 and some potential for development to be delivered within 500m of an identified area of poor air quality. Impacts are likely to be less significant than under option 4.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Identified areas of poor air quality include the Cellarhead junction (between the A52 and A520); Ball Haye Street, Leek (a primary link road from Leek A53 to the A523 Macclesfield and Buxton Road) and Broad Street, Leek (a primary link road from Stoke on Trent)**(4)**. The total increase in number of dwellings and car journeys is likely to increase emission of airborne pollutants, there is a risk that air quality may deteriorate in areas of existing low quality. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that developments include appropriate landscaping to aid removal of air pollutants.
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and	• Is new development directed towards areas of least flood risk?	?	?	?	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**:

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enhance water sources.	• Will it reduce risk of flooding eg by encouraging the integration of mitigation measures such as SuDS into new development? • Will it protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Will it encourage water efficiency and demand management?				on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. However the SFRA[(5)] confirms that there are few locations in which development would significantly increase fluvial flood risk elsewhere, due to the majority of potentially suitable sites for development being located within Flood Zone 1, with only a few sites partially within Flood Zone 2 or 3. Since it proposes a higher level of growth than under options 1 and 2, in comparison with other alternatives considered, this requirement is likely to result in more peripheral development proposed on agricultural (greenfield) land on the outskirts of settlements, and thus result in more risk of surface water flood risk within towns or villages and further downstream as a result of increased surface water runoff and reduced infiltration. Although in the long-term there is likely to be a less significant impact than under option 4.	Development - at whatever overall scale - will be permitted only where schemes meet development plan requirements for management of flood risk. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that new developments are directed towards areas of least flood risk and incorporate SuDS wherever possible.
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Will it protect and promote effective management of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance? • Will it help contribute to Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Will it help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	?	?/-	?/-	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. Since it proposes a higher level of growth than under options 1 and 2, in comparison with other alternatives considered (with the exception of the highest growth option 4) this requirement is less likely to provide long-term protection for biodiversity and natural networks. However in comparison with options 1 and 2, there is likely to be a higher level of new investment and associated opportunities to deliver biodiversity enhancement or the extension of GI networks as part of schemes (but less opportunity than under option 4). Given that in comparison with options 1 and 2, this requirement is likely to lead to increased recreational and other urbanising	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Policies in the Local Plan will provide protection for biodiversity and for sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, but the higher the level of growth, the greater the need to allocate sites in the countryside, on the periphery of settlements, including sites potentially requiring Green Belt release or within the zone of influence of European designated sites. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure conservation and enhancement of biodiversity and that any development proposal is not permitted to have an adverse effect on the integrity of a European site.

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					pressures on the closest European sites, the option is also less likely to afford long-term protection for the integrity of European sites. Whilst such negative impacts are not as significant as under option 4, the HRA of the Local Plan will ensure that Local Plan policies and allocations will not result in adverse effects on European designated sites.	
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Will it safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Will it minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Will it reduce land contamination / instability? • Will it reduce the amount of derelict land? • Will it protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	?	?	?/-	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. However since it proposes a higher level of growth than under options 1 and 2, in comparison with other alternatives considered (with the exception of the highest growth option 4) this requirement is less likely to provide overall, long-term protection for the best and most versatile agricultural land. However negative impacts are not as significant as under option 4.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Policies in the Local Plan will provide protection for the best and most versatile agricultural land and geological resources, but the higher the level of growth, the greater the need to allocate agricultural (greenfield) sites. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure protection and enhancement of geologically important sites.
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Will it reduce waste generation? • Will it maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Will it increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	?	?	?	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Policies in the Local Plan will encourage the re-use of existing buildings wherever possible. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support waste minimisation.
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns /	• Will it ensure the continued protection and enhancement of	?	?	?/-	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Policies in the Local Plan will provide

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villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Will it protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?				implementation of Local Plan policies. However since it proposes a higher level of growth than under options 1 and 2, in comparison with other alternatives considered (with the exception of the highest growth option 4) this requirement is likely to result in less protection of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated) along with their settings. Negative impacts are not as significant as under option 4.	protection for heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings. However the higher the level of growth, the greater the number of site allocations that will be made, increasing the risk of altering the character of settlements and resulting in deterioration of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) or their settings that could not be reasonably mitigated. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support protection and enhancement for the character of towns / villages; heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Will it protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Will it promote development on brownfield land? • Will it safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	?	?	?/-	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. The Landscape and Settlement Character Assessment Study[(6)] offers guidance to help ensure new development required in the District takes place in locations that are compatible with the unique quality of the Staffordshire Moorlands landscape and in sympathy with the setting of a particular settlement. The HEA[(7)] identified that (within each of the study areas) historic character had been retained and that beyond the present extent of the built areas, a dispersed settlement pattern was still predominant. Since it proposes a higher level of growth than under options 1 and 2, in comparison with other alternatives considered (with the exception of the highest growth option 4) this requirement is less likely to result in the protection of the character and appearance of the landscape, including historic landscapes, and	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Policies in the Local Plan will provide protection for landscape character and natural assets. However the higher the level of growth, the greater the number of site allocations that will be made, increasing the risk of resulting in an adverse effect on the character of landscapes, including historic landscapes, that could not be reasonably mitigated. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support protection and enhancement of the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.

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					other natural assets and resources. Negative impacts are not as significant as under option 4.	
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Will it support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Does it help support tourism and the visitor economy?	?	?	?	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. However since it proposes a higher level of growth than under options 1 and 2, in comparison with other alternatives considered (with the exception of the highest growth option 4) this requirement is more likely to result in a long-term, adverse impact on local distinctiveness, and this may lead to a long-term negative impact on tourism and the visitor economy. The significance is less than under option 4. The negative impacts are balanced by the requirement also providing more opportunity than under options 1 and 2 for investment in culture and tourism and this may result in medium term positive effects on the local economy.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: The higher the level of growth, the greater the number of site allocations that will be made, increasing the risk of congestion and an adverse effect on the character and appearance of landscapes, towns and villages that together may detract from the further development of local distinctiveness and could result in long-term negative impacts on tourism and the visitor economy. Counter to this, higher levels of growth provide the most opportunities for investment that may support tourism and the visitor economy. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support tourism and the visitor economy.
ECONOMIC						
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Will it safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Will it safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	+	++	++	This option uses Oxford Economics projections of future employment growth in the district. It represents the "unconstrained" potential of the area based on its existing business base, mix of sectors and inherent economic qualities. To support the increase in jobs projected by the model, the total population would need to grow by 13,393 over the plan period. The increase in spending in the local economy this would generate is likely to result in benefits to the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, contributing to the safeguarding and improvement of shops and services. Since this option proposes a higher level of growth than under	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Residents of new developments will support their local retail, leisure and service provision. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support town and village centres.

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					options 1 and 2, in comparison with other alternatives considered (with the exception of the highest growth option 4) this requirement is likely to result in significant benefits for the economies of existing centres. Benefits however are likely to be less significant than under option 4.	
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Will it provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Will it provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	+	+	++	This option is based on modelled job growth of an additional 2,250 jobs over the plan period. This is likely to result in long-term positive effects on business, the local economy and local employment.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Helping to reverse the decline of working age residents in the District would achieve a more balanced population structure and reduce potential future economic difficulties and the demand of services associated with an ageing population and a more limited supply of labour. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support sustainable economic growth.
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Will it meet the employment needs of local people? • Will it increase economic activity levels? • Will it improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Will it support higher income levels for local residents?	+	+	++	This option is expected to deliver sufficient labour force levels to support the Oxford Economics job growth projections, a labour force increase of 1,549. This is likely to allow for the economic potential of the district to be realised and result in medium and long term positive impacts on the local economy and local employment.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Whilst there is not a direct causal relationship between job growth and housing needs, the two are nevertheless fundamentally related. Ensuring a sufficient supply of homes within easy access of employment is a central element of an efficiently functioning economy. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support sustainable economic growth.
Summary of significant effects: This option proposes the delivery of 440 new dwellings per year. Since it is the upper end of the recommended objectively assessed housing need range, the housing requirement would have a direct, long-term positive effect on the SA objective to ensure provision of homes to meet local needs. This positive effect is likely to be more significant than under options 1 and 2. As the upper end of the range, the option is likely to make a significant contribution to addressing affordable housing need and the needs of an ageing population. Predicted population						

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	growth of around 13,400 is likely to increase spending in the local economy resulting in positive benefits for the District's towns and villages, including help to safeguard local shops and services. Under this option, these benefits are likely to be more significant than under options 1 and 2, but less significant than under option 4. This option is based on expected job growth of 2,250 in the district over the plan period. This is likely to allow for the economic potential of the district to be realised and result in medium and long term positive impacts on the local economy and local employment. Option 3 requires the second highest number of site allocations of the four options considered, and consequently this alternative is likely to result in comparatively more negative effects on SA objectives relating to the protection of biodiversity; the character of towns, villages and heritage assets and their settings; and landscape character and natural assets than options 1 and 2. Negative effects on these objectives are slightly less under this option than under option 4. The higher level of growth under option 3 compared with options 1 and 2 is also likely to result in negative effects on objectives relating to climate change contributions and air quality that are associated with energy consumption and emissions arising from construction and use of new dwellings and associated car journeys. Due to the extent of sites that are likely to be allocated under this option, it is less likely than under options 1 and 2 that a high proportion of new development can be delivered close to town and village centres, resulting in negative effects on minimising the distance people need to travel to access key services and facilities and reducing the opportunities for use of sustainable forms of transport. Negative effects under option 3 in this regard are not likely to be as great as under option 4. However since option 3 proposes the second highest level of growth of the four options considered, it is likely to result in a higher level of investment than under options 1 and 2 in community facilities, including Green Infrastructure and other measures that help to reduce health inequalities, leading to possible minor positive effects on the SA objective relating to supporting health improvements. These positive effects are not likely to be as significant as under option 4.					

Table 16.8 Assessment Table for Option 3: 440 new homes each year

1. Staffordshire Moorlands 2012-based SNHP Update: January 2016 Revision; Nathaniel Lichfield & Partners; January 2016
2. Strategic Housing Market Assessment and Housing Needs Study; Nathaniel Lichfield & Partners; June 2014
3. Staffordshire Moorlands District Integrated Transport Strategy 2013-2031; Staffordshire County Council; November 2013
4. 2014 Air Quality Progress Report for Staffordshire Moorlands District Council In fulfillment of Part IV of the Environment Act 1995 Local Air Quality Management; SMDC; November 2014
5. Staffordshire Moorlands Level 1 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) Update; AECOM Infrastructure and Environment UK Ltd; October 2015
6. Landscape and Settlement Character Assessment Study; Wardell Armstrong; 2008
7. Historic Environment Character Assessment: Staffordshire Moorlands; Staffordshire County Council; August 2010

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SOCIAL						
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Will it make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Will it improve neighbourhood quality? • Will it ensure that there is adequate open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Will it minimise light and noise pollution? • Will it ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	?	?	?/+	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. There is a balance between loss of countryside as a result of development and provision of new, accessible open space as part of new developments. This requirement is likely to offer the most opportunity for associated benefits such as new or enhanced community facilities to be delivered as a result of new development.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Community cohesion and local environmental quality are more dependent on design and location of new development than on the overall housing requirement. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that good standards of amenity and open space and Green Infrastructure are delivered as part of new housing development.
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Will it remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Will it help to minimise the distance people	?	?	?/+	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. However this option will deliver the highest level of housing growth of the four options considered and thus the greatest opportunity to improve accessibility to key services and facilities through delivering more investment into the rural areas. However, this level of new housing development is not likely to enable growth to be focused on small urban extensions and small sites within the existing settlement boundaries, which may result in increasing the distance people need to travel.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Equality of opportunity for all persons will be improved by any measure that has the effect of improving overall accessibility to jobs, services and facilities. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that new developments are brought forward in sustainable locations.

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	need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.					
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Will it improve health or access to health facilities? • Will it promote healthy lifestyles? • Will it reduce health inequalities? • Will it provide opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	?	?	?/+	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. However this option will deliver the highest level of housing growth of the four options considered and thus present the most opportunities to improve health infrastructure, including opportunities for walking and cycling. In the long term there could be an improvement in health through increased investment in health-care, leisure and physical recreational facilities. There is a balance between loss of countryside as a result of development and provision of improved opportunities to access the countryside as part of new developments.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Investment in new infrastructure keeps pace with growth. More housing growth offers more opportunities to invest in new health-care facilities, including new or improved opportunities for walking and cycling. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that new developments deliver opportunities to increase take up of sustainable transport choices and improvements to healthy travel networks, including increased opportunities for access to the countryside.
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Will it reduce actual levels of crime? • Will it reduce fear of crime?	?	?	?	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the implementation of relevant Local Plan policies.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Good design will help minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that new developments are well designed, creating safe places and reducing opportunities for anti-social behaviour.
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations	• Will it provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Will it enable people to meet their needs within	++	++	++	This option exceeds the upper end of the recommended OAN range[(1)] and by meeting the full, objectively assessed need for housing in the District, it will have a direct, long-term, positive effect on this SA objective. The requirement is expected to enable the delivery of a range of	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Household projections suggest a considerable growth in the number of older people. The SHMA[(2)] identified a critical affordable housing need. Objectively assessed housing

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and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	their existing communities? ● Will it ensure that people can afford their housing?				housing types and tenures, making a significant contribution to meeting community needs. The impact of this option on the SA objective is more significant than under all other options. This option is likely to make the most contribution to addressing the needs of an ageing population and ensuring that problems of affordability can be satisfactorily addressed, improving outcomes for older people and those who still need to access the housing market.	need for the District is between 250dpa and 440dpa. This option will meet the objectively assessed housing need of the plan area and will go further than any other option considered towards addressing affordable housing need and offering opportunities for investment in meeting the housing needs of older people. **Mitigation measures**: Wider initiatives of the Council should be supported to help deliver additional affordable homes.
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	● Will it minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? ● Will it support the use of public transport? ● Will it support safe walking and cycling? ● Will it protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	?/-	?/--	?/--	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. However this requirement is likely to have a negative effect on minimising the impact of new development on existing traffic congestion. Due to the number of site allocations that would be required, it is likely that some new development would be delivered remote from town and village centres, making the use of sustainable forms of transport less likely. The option could support priorities and provisions identified in the SMDC integrated transport strategy **(3)**, including the proposed Local Transport Packages for Leek, Cheadle and Biddulph.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Lower levels of growth are likely to generate fewer new car journeys, resulting in less impact on existing congestion. Lower levels of growth will maximise the proportion of new development delivered close to existing centres, facilitating use of sustainable forms of transport. Higher levels of growth will allow most investment in support for walking and cycling initiatives. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that developments are brought forward in sustainable locations; support safe walking and cycling and improve access to the natural environment.
ENVIRONMENTAL						
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	● Will it reduce emissions of greenhouse gases particularly CO_2? ● Will it increase energy efficiency?	--	--	--	There is some uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of developments and the implementation of Local Plan policies. However this option is likely to result in the greatest overall increase in carbon emissions from the energy	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Even if individual properties are built to high environmental performance standards and delivered in sustainable locations, the total increase in number of dwellings and car

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	• Will it increase the use of renewable energy? • Will it ensure new development is in accessible locations in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?				consumption and emissions arising from construction and use of new development and associated car journeys.	journeys is likely to increase energy use and associated greenhouse gas emissions. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that high environmental design standards are supported and that developments are brought forward in accessible locations that support the use of sustainable forms of transport.
8. To improve air quality.	• Will it minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Will it maximise the removal of air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	?	?/-	--	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. However as this option represents the highest level of housing growth, it is likely to give rise to the highest level of new emissions of airborne pollutants associated with additional car journeys. In the medium-term there is potential for development to be delivered within 500m of an identified area of poor air quality.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Identified areas of poor air quality include the Cellarhead junction (between the A52 and A520); Ball Haye Street, Leek (a primary link road from Leek A53 to the A523 Macclesfield and Buxton Road) and Broad Street, Leek (a primary link road from Stoke on Trent)**(4)**. The total increase in number of dwellings and car journeys is likely to increase emission of airborne pollutants. There is a risk that air quality may deteriorate in areas of existing low quality. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that developments include appropriate landscaping to aid removal of air pollutants.
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Is new development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Will it reduce risk of flooding eg by encouraging the integration of mitigation measures such as SuDS into new development?	?	?	?	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. However the SFRA**(5)** confirms that there are few locations in which development would significantly increase fluvial flood risk elsewhere, due to the majority of potentially suitable sites for development being	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Development - at whatever overall scale - will be permitted only where schemes meet development plan requirements for management of flood risk. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that new developments are directed towards areas

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	• Will it protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Will it encourage water efficiency and demand management?				located within Flood Zone 1, with only a few sites partially within Flood Zone 2 or 3. This option requires the most peripheral development proposed on agricultural (greenfield) land on the outskirts of settlements, and thus poses the greatest risk of all options to increase surface water flood risk within towns or villages and further downstream as a result of increased surface water runoff and reduced infiltration.	of least flood risk and incorporate SuDS wherever possible.
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Will it protect and promote effective management of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance? • Will it help contribute to Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Will it help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	?/-	?/--	?/--	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. However as it proposes the highest level of housing growth, of all options considered, this option is likely to provide least overall, long-term protection for biodiversity and natural networks. There will however be the greatest level of new investment and associated opportunities to deliver biodiversity enhancement or the extension of GI networks as part of schemes. Given it will lead to the highest recreational and other urbanising pressures on the closest European sites, of all options considered, this option is also likely to afford least protection for the integrity of European sites. However the HRA of the Local Plan will ensure that Local Plan policies and allocations will not result in adverse effects on European designated sites.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Policies in the Local Plan will provide protection for biodiversity and for sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, but the higher the level of growth, the greater the need to allocate sites in the countryside, on the periphery of settlements, including potentially requiring Green Belt release and potentially sites within the zone of influence of European designated sites. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure conservation and enhancement of biodiversity and that any development proposal is not permitted to have an adverse effect on the integrity of a European site.
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and	• Will it safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Will it minimise the loss of greenfield land?	?/-	?/--	?/--	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. However as it proposes the highest level of housing growth of all options considered, this option is likely to	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Policies in the Local Plan will provide protection for the best and most versatile agricultural land and geological resources, but the higher the level of growth, the greater

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enhance geological resources.	• Will it reduce land contamination / instability? • Will it reduce the amount of derelict land? • Will it protect notable geological and geomorphological features?				provide least overall, long-term protection for the best and most versatile agricultural land.	the need to allocate agricultural (greenfield) sites. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure protection and enhancement of geologically important sites.
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Will it reduce waste generation? • Will it maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Will it increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	?	?	?	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Policies in the Local Plan will encourage the re-use of existing buildings wherever possible. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support waste minimisation.
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Will it ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Will it protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	?/-	?/--	?/--	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. However with the highest level of housing growth proposed, of all options considered, this option is least likely to result in protection of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated) along with their settings.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Policies in the Local Plan will provide protection for heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings. However the higher the level of growth, the greater the number of site allocations that will be made, increasing the risk of altering the character of settlements and resulting in deterioration of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) or their settings that could not be reasonably mitigated. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support protection and enhancement for the character of towns /

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						villages; heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Will it protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Will it promote development on brownfield land? • Will it safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	?/-	?/--	?/--	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. The Landscape and Settlement Character Assessment Study[(6)] offers guidance to help ensure new development required in the District takes place in locations that are compatible with the unique quality of the Staffordshire Moorlands landscape and in sympathy with the setting of a particular settlement. The HEA[(7)] identified that (within each of the study areas) historic character had been retained and that beyond the present extent of the built areas, a dispersed settlement pattern was still predominant. With the highest level of housing growth proposed, of all options considered, this option is the least likely to result in the protection of the character and appearance of the landscape, including historic landscapes, and other natural assets and resources.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Policies in the Local Plan will provide protection for landscape character and natural assets. However the higher the level of growth, the greater the number of site allocations that will be made, increasing the risk of resulting in an adverse effect on the character of landscapes, including historic landscapes, that could not be reasonably mitigated. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support protection and enhancement of the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Will it support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Does it help support tourism and the visitor economy?	?	?	?	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. With the highest level of housing growth proposed, of all options considered, this option is the most likely to result in a long-term, adverse impact on local distinctiveness, potentially leading to an associated long-term negative impact on tourism and the visitor economy. However, this is balanced by the option also providing the most opportunity for investment	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: The higher the level of growth, the greater the number of site allocations that will be made, increasing the risk of congestion and an adverse effect on the character and appearance of landscapes, towns and villages that together may detract from the further development of local distinctiveness and could result in long-term negative impacts on tourism and the visitor economy. Counter to this, higher levels of growth provide the most

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					in culture and tourism that could result in long-term positive effects on the local economy.	opportunities for investment that may support tourism and the visitor economy. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support tourism and the visitor economy.
ECONOMIC						
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Will it safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Will it safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	++	++	++	This option uses the scenario based on job creation figures set out in the Council's ELR[8]. To underpin a level of job growth based on projecting increasing growth in targeted industrial sectors in line with regional averages there would need to be an increase in the population of 17,202 in the district over the plan period. The increase in spending in the local economy this is likely to generate should result in significant benefits to the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, contributing to the safeguarding and improvement of shops and services. However these benefits should be treated with caution since the 2012-based SNHP update notes that the population growth would primarily be achieved by inward migration as opposed to natural change and this would require a step change in migration above the level that is likely to be achievable in the district.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Residents of new developments will support their local retail, leisure and service provision. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support town and village centres.
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Will it provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Will it provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or	++	++	++	This option is based on an objective forecast of how the district could perform in economic terms based on the nature of its economy and current expectations of future national and regional economic performance. This projection estimates that there could be a total (net additional) job growth of around 3,878 over the plan period. This is likely to result in a significant positive effect on business, the local economy and local employment. However these benefits should be	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: A local labour supply will help to deliver economic growth across the plan area. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support sustainable economic growth.

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	displacement of existing businesses?				treated with caution since the 2012-based SNHP update notes that the population growth required to underpin this job growth would primarily be achieved by inward migration as opposed to natural change and this would require a step change in migration above the level that is likely to be achievable in the district.	
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Will it meet the employment needs of local people? • Will it increase economic activity levels? • Will it improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Will it support higher income levels for local residents?	++	++	++	This option is based on a scenario factoring in increased economic growth in the key sectors in line with the regional average and provides unconstrained employment growth in the district of 3,878 jobs over the course of the plan period. The option is likely to have a significant positive effect on the local economy and local employment. However these benefits should be treated with caution since the 2012-based SNHP update notes that the population growth required to underpin this job growth would primarily be achieved by inward migration as opposed to natural change. Net migration would need to increase from +7,373 to +20,645 - over 13,000 net additional in migrants to achieve the required population level (all other assumptions remaining constant). This is considered to be at odds with what may be reasonably expected to occur in the district.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Whilst there is not a direct causal relationship between job growth and housing needs, the two are nevertheless fundamentally related. Ensuring a sufficient supply of homes within easy access of employment is a central element of an efficiently functioning economy. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support sustainable economic growth.
Summary of significant effects: This option proposes the delivery of 520 new dwellings per year. It will have a direct and significant positive effect on the SA objective to ensure provision of homes to meet local needs since it exceeds the upper end of the recommended objectively assessed housing need range. This option should make the greatest contribution of all options considered to addressing affordable housing need and the needs of an ageing population. Predicted population growth of around 17,000 is likely to increase spending in the local economy resulting in positive benefits for the District's towns and villages, including helping to safeguard local shops and services. This option is based on an objective forecast of how the district could perform in economic terms based on the nature of its economy and current expectations of future national and regional economic performance and provides unconstrained employment growth in the district of 3,878 jobs over the plan period. As a result, the option is likely to have a significant positive effect on the local economy and local employment. However these predicted positive effects should be treated with caution, since the 2012-based SNHP update notes that the population growth required to underpin this job growth would primarily be achieved by inward						

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migration as opposed to natural change. Net migration would need to increase from +7,373 to +20,645 - over 13,000 net additional in migrants to achieve the required population level (all other assumptions remaining constant). This is considered to be at odds with what may be reasonably expected to occur in the district. As the highest growth option, requiring the highest number of site allocations, by comparison with other options considered, this alternative is likely to result in significant negative effects on SA objectives relating to the protection of biodiversity; the character of towns, villages and heritage assets and their settings; and landscape character and natural assets. The high level of housing growth is also likely to result in negative effects on objectives relating to climate change contributions and air quality that are associated with energy consumption and emissions arising from construction and use of new dwellings and associated car journeys. This level of new housing development is not likely to enable growth to be focused on small urban extensions and small sites within the existing settlement boundaries, which may result in increasing the distance people need to travel to access key services and facilities and makes the use of sustainable forms of transport less likely. However since this option proposes the highest level of growth, it is likely to result in the highest level of investment in community facilities, including Green Infrastructure and other measures that may help to reduce health inequalities, leading to positive effects on the SA objective relating to supporting health improvements.					

Table 16.9 Assessment Table for Option 4: 520 new homes each year

1. Staffordshire Moorlands 2012-based SNHP Update: January 2016 Revision; Nathaniel Lichfield & Partners; January 2016
2. Strategic Housing Market Assessment and Housing Needs Study; Nathaniel Lichfield & Partners; June 2014
3. Staffordshire Moorlands District Integrated Transport Strategy 2013-2031; Staffordshire County Council; November 2013
4. 2014 Air Quality Progress Report for Staffordshire Moorlands District Council In fulfillment of Part IV of the Environment Act 1995 Local Air Quality Management; SMDC; November 2014
5. Staffordshire Moorlands Level 1 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) Update; AECOM Infrastructure and Environment UK Ltd; October 2015
6. Landscape and Settlement Character Assessment Study; Wardell Armstrong; 2008
7. Historic Environment Character Assessment: Staffordshire Moorlands; Staffordshire County Council; August 2010
8. Employment Land Requirement Study; Nathaniel Lichfield & Partners; July 2014 and Updated Labour Supply Modelling; September 2014

16.1 Appraisal of the preferred option

Assessment of effects of the preferred option annual housing requirement of 320 homes per year

SA Objective	Preferred Option: 320 new homes each year					
	Decision making criteria	Time-frame			Nature of effect; Comments	Justification; cumulative effects / mitigation measures
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SOCIAL						
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Will it make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Will it improve neighbourhood quality? • Will it ensure that there is adequate open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Will it minimise light and noise pollution? • Will it ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	?	?/+	+	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. The preferred option offers a balance between loss of countryside as a result of new development and provision of new, accessible open space as part of new developments. Well designed developments offer an opportunity to improve neighbourhood quality in some circumstances. Overall the preferred option has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective in the long term.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Community cohesion and local environmental quality are more dependent on design and location of new development than on the overall housing requirement. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that good standards of amenity and open space and Green Infrastructure are delivered as part of new housing development.
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Will it remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief,	?	?/+	+	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. However the preferred option fully meets demographic need and helps to address affordable housing need and consequently there is opportunity to improve accessibility to key services and facilities through delivering new homes in accessible locations as well as enabling investment into both the towns and	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Equality of opportunity for all persons will be improved by any measure that has the effect of improving overall accessibility to jobs, services and facilities. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that new developments are brought forward in sustainable locations.

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	sex and sexual orientation? • Will it help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.				the rural areas. Overall the preferred option has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective in the long term.	
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Will it improve health or access to health facilities? • Will it promote healthy lifestyles? • Will it reduce health inequalities? • Will it provide opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	?	?/+	+	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. However the preferred option fully meets demographic housing needs and consequently there is opportunity to improve health infrastructure, including opportunities for walking and cycling. In the long term there could be an indirectly positive effect on health through enabling investment in health-care, leisure and physical recreational facilities. There is a balance between loss of countryside as a result of development and provision of improved opportunities to access the countryside as part of new developments. Overall the preferred option has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective in the long term.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Investment in new infrastructure keeps pace with growth. Housing growth offers opportunities to invest in new health-care facilities, including new or improved opportunities for walking and cycling. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that new developments deliver opportunities to increase take up of sustainable transport choices and improvements to healthy travel networks, including increased opportunities for access to the countryside.
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Will it reduce actual levels of crime? • Will it reduce fear of crime?	?	?	?	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the implementation of relevant Local Plan policies.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Good design will help minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that new developments are well designed, creating safe places and reducing opportunities for anti-social behaviour.

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5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Will it provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Will it enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Will it ensure that people can afford their housing?	+	++	++	The preferred option fully meets demographic housing needs and helps to address the affordable housing need. It also offers scope to provide specialist housing such as Self-Build and Custom Build. The preferred option is close to the level of housing growth necessary to provide a sufficiently large labour force to support the average level of job growth projected by two forecasting houses: Oxford Economics and Experian[(1)]. The preferred option is "aspirational, but realistic" given the pro-active approach to delivery taken by the Council and in the context of an historic average delivery rate of 178 homes per year. The preferred option is expected to enable the delivery of a range of housing types and tenures, making a significant contribution to meeting community needs. It is also likely to make a significant contribution to addressing the needs of an ageing population and ensuring that problems of affordability can be addressed. Overall the preferred option has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this objective in the medium and long-term.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Household projections suggest a considerable growth in the number of older people. The SHMA[(2)] identified a critical affordable housing need. Objectively assessed housing need for the District is between 235dpa and 330dpa. The preferred option will meet the objectively assessed housing need of the plan area and help to address both affordable housing need and the housing needs of older people. **Mitigation measures**: Wider initiatives of the Council should be supported to help deliver additional affordable homes.
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Will it minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Will it support the use of public transport? • Will it support safe walking and cycling? • Will it protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	?	?/-	-	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. However growth is likely to lead to a negative effect on minimising the impact of new development on existing traffic congestion. Dependent on the location of new development, not all new homes may be delivered close to town and village centres, and this may lead to an increase in car use over walking and cycling. However the preferred option is likely to support priorities and provisions identified in the SMDC integrated transport strategy [(3)],	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Lower levels of growth are likely to generate fewer new car journeys, resulting in less impact on existing congestion. Lower levels of growth will maximise the proportion of new development delivered close to existing centres, facilitating use of sustainable forms of transport. Higher levels of growth will allow most investment in support for sustainable transport. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that developments are brought forward in

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					including the proposed Local Transport Packages for Leek, Cheadle and Biddulph. Growth may also be used to help deliver Green Infrastructure. Overall the preferred option has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective in the long term.	sustainable locations; support safe walking and cycling and improve access to the natural environment.
ENVIRONMENTAL						
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Will it reduce emissions of greenhouse gases particularly CO_2? • Will it increase energy efficiency? • Will it increase the use of renewable energy? • Will it ensure new development is in accessible locations in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	-	--	--	There is some uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of developments and the implementation of Local Plan policies. However the preferred option is likely to result in an overall increase in carbon emissions from energy consumption and emissions arising from construction and use of new development and associated car journeys. Overall the preferred option has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this Objective in the long term.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Even if individual properties are built to high environmental performance standards and delivered in sustainable locations, the total increase in number of dwellings and car journeys is likely to increase energy use and associated greenhouse gas emissions. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that high environmental design standards are supported and that developments are brought forward in accessible locations that support the use of sustainable forms of transport.
8. To improve air quality.	• Will it minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Will it maximise the removal of air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	?	?/-	?/-	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. However the preferred option is likely to lead to new emissions of airborne pollutants associated with additional car journeys. There is scope for development to be delivered within 500m of an identified area of poor air quality. However new technology, reduction in diesel use and soft landscaping may help to mitigate effects. Overall the preferred option has been assessed as having	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Identified areas of poor air quality include the Cellarhead junction (between the A52 and A520); Ball Haye Street, Leek (a primary link road from Leek A53 to the A523 Macclesfield and Buxton Road) and Broad Street, Leek (a primary link road from Stoke on Trent)[(4)]. The total increase in number of dwellings and car journeys is likely to increase emission of airborne pollutants, there is a risk that air quality may deteriorate

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					a negative effect on this Objective in the medium and long term, although the exact effects are uncertain.	in areas of existing low quality. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that developments include appropriate landscaping to aid removal of air pollutants.
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Is new development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Will it reduce risk of flooding eg by encouraging the integration of mitigation measures such as SuDS into new development? • Will it protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Will it encourage water efficiency and demand management?	0/?	0/?	0/?	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. However the SFRA(5) confirms that there are few locations in which development would significantly increase fluvial flood risk elsewhere, due to the majority of potentially suitable sites for development being located within Flood Zone 1, with only a few sites partially within Flood Zone 2 or 3. The preferred option is likely to result in development on green field sites and potentially an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, however SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Development could also be expected to lead to increased water demand within the District. Overall the preferred option has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective, although the exact effects are uncertain.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Development - at whatever overall scale - will be permitted only where schemes meet development plan requirements for management of flood risk. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that new developments are directed towards areas of least flood risk and incorporate SuDS wherever possible.
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Will it protect and promote effective management of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance? • Will it help contribute to Staffordshire	?	?/0	?/0	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. The preferred option provides scope for long-term protection of biodiversity and natural networks through new investment and associated opportunities to deliver biodiversity enhancement or the extension of GI networks as part of schemes. However the preferred option may also lead to increased	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Policies in the Local Plan will provide protection for biodiversity and for sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, but the higher the level of growth, the greater the need to allocate sites in the countryside, on the periphery of settlements, including sites potentially requiring Green Belt release or within the

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	Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? ● Will it help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?				recreational and other urbanising pressures on the closest European sites, although the HRA of the Local Plan will ensure that Local Plan policies and allocations will not result in adverse effects on European designated sites. Overall the preferred option has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective, although the exact effects are uncertain.	zone of influence of European designated sites. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure conservation and enhancement of biodiversity and that any development proposal is not permitted to have an adverse effect on the integrity of a European site.
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	● Will it safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? ● Will it minimise the loss of greenfield land? ● Will it reduce land contamination / instability? ● Will it reduce the amount of derelict land? ● Will it protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	?	?	?/-	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. However the preferred option may result in some loss of best and most versatile agricultural land. It may also lead to non-mineral development taking place in Minerals Safeguarding Areas and thus to the unnecessary sterilisation of minerals. Overall the preferred option has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective in the long term, although the exact effects are uncertain.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Policies in the Local Plan will provide protection for the best and most versatile agricultural land and geological resources, but the higher the level of growth, the greater the need to allocate agricultural (greenfield) sites. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure protection and enhancement of geologically important sites.
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	● Will it reduce waste generation? ● Will it maximise the re-use of existing buildings? ● Will it increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	?	?	?/0	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. Overall the preferred option has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective in the long term, although the exact effects are uncertain.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Policies in the Local Plan will encourage the re-use of existing buildings wherever possible. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support waste minimisation.

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13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Will it ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Will it protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	?	?	?/-	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. The majority of sites required for this level of development were not found to give rise to significant heritage impacts[(6)]. However the preferred option may lead to some impact on cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated) along with their settings. Applicants should be required to provide NPPF compliant heritage statements. Overall the preferred option has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective in the long term, although the exact effects are uncertain.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Policies in the Local Plan will provide protection for heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings. However the higher the level of growth, the greater the number of site allocations that will be made, increasing the risk of altering the character of settlements and resulting in deterioration of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) or their settings that could not be reasonably mitigated. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support protection and enhancement for the character of towns / villages; heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Will it protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Will it promote development on brownfield land? • Will it safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	?	?	?/-	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. The Landscape and Settlement Character Assessment Study[(7)] offers guidance to help ensure new development required in the District takes place in locations that are compatible with the unique quality of the Staffordshire Moorlands landscape and in sympathy with the setting of a particular settlement. The HEA[(8)] identified that (within each of the study areas) historic character had been retained and that beyond the present extent of the built areas, a dispersed settlement pattern was still predominant. The preferred option may result in some impact on the character and appearance of the landscape, including historic landscapes, and other natural	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Policies in the Local Plan will provide protection for landscape character and natural assets. However the higher the level of growth, the greater the number of site allocations that will be made, increasing the risk of resulting in an adverse effect on the character of landscapes, including historic landscapes, that could not be reasonably mitigated. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support protection and enhancement of the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.

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					assets and resources. However the majority of sites required for this level of development were not found to give rise to significant landscape impacts, including on the setting of the Peak District National Park[(9)]. Overall the preferred option has been assessed as having a negative effect on this Objective in the long term, although the exact effects are uncertain.	
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Will it support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Does it help support tourism and the visitor economy?	?	?	?/0	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. However the preferred option may lead to a long-term impact on local distinctiveness and there is scope for this to result in a long-term negative impact on tourism and the visitor economy. However the preferred option will enable investment in culture and tourism and this may result in medium term positive effects on the local economy. Overall the preferred option has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this Objective, although the exact effects are uncertain.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: The higher the level of growth, the greater the number of site allocations that will be made, increasing the risk of congestion and an adverse effect on the character and appearance of landscapes, towns and villages that together may detract from the further development of local distinctiveness and could result in long-term negative impacts on tourism and the visitor economy. Counter to this, higher levels of growth provide the most opportunities for investment that may support tourism and the visitor economy. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support tourism and the visitor economy.
ECONOMIC						
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Will it safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Will it safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	+	++	++	The preferred option is close to the combined jobs growth scenario. It represents the "unconstrained" potential of the area based on its existing business base, mix of sectors and inherent economic qualities. There would need to be significant in-migration needed to support an increase in the size of the labour force sufficient to support the	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Residents of new developments will support their local retail, leisure and service provision. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support town and village centres.

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					forecast job growth. The increase in spending in the local economy this would generate is likely to result in benefits to the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, contributing to the safeguarding and improvement of shops and services. The preferred option is likely to result in significant benefits for the economies of existing centres. Overall the preferred option has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective in the long term.	
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Will it provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Will it provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	+	+	++	The preferred option supports the provision of around 870 additional jobs up to the year 2031. This is the total workforce jobs supported under the combined jobs growth plus partial catch up scenario. Although at 320dpa the preferred option is likely to support the delivery of slightly fewer jobs than if the full scenario housing figure was met (329). Whilst this may seem modest, it is set within the context of a decline in jobs forecast under the 2014-based SNPP baseline. Job growth is likely to result in long-term positive effects on business, the local economy and local employment. Overall the preferred option has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective in the long term.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Helping to reverse the decline of working age residents in the District would achieve a more balanced population structure and reduce potential future economic difficulties and the demand of services associated with an ageing population and a more limited supply of labour. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support sustainable economic growth.
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Will it meet the employment needs of local people? • Will it increase economic activity levels?	+	+	++	The preferred option fully meets demographic need and provides a sufficiently large labour force close to supporting an average of the Oxford Economics and Experian job growth forecasts for the District 2014-2031; a labour force increase of just under 980. This is likely to allow for the economic potential of the district to be realised and result in medium	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Whilst there is not a direct causal relationship between job growth and housing needs, the two are nevertheless fundamentally related. Ensuring a sufficient supply of homes within easy access of

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	• Will it improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Will it support higher income levels for local residents?				and long term positive impacts on the local economy and local employment. Overall the preferred option has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this Objective in the long term.	employment is a central element of an efficiently functioning economy. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support sustainable economic growth.

Summary of significant effects:

The preferred option proposes the delivery of 320 new dwellings per year. This fully meets demographic housing needs and helps address affordable housing need and as such is expected to have a direct, long-term positive effect on provision of homes to meet local needs, this includes the needs of an ageing population. Predicted population growth of around 8,500 is likely to increase spending in the local economy resulting in positive benefits for the District's towns and villages, including help to safeguard local shops and services. This option is based on expected job growth of up to circa 870 and a labour force increase of close to 980 in the district 2014-2031. This is likely to allow for the economic potential of the district to be realised and lead to medium and long term positive impacts on the local economy and local employment. However development of greenfield sites outside settlement boundaries, potential loss of best and most versatile agricultural land, potential development within mineral safeguarding areas or within the proximity of heritage assets may lead to long term negative effects on biodiversity; designated and non-designated heritage assets and their settings; and landscape character and natural assets including mineral resources, although the exact effects are uncertain and it is reasonable to expect adequate mitigation. Similarly development may give rise to negative effects on objectives relating to climate change contributions and air quality as a result of energy consumption and emissions arising from construction and use of new dwellings and associated car journeys, however the exact effects are uncertain. The preferred option delivers development that is largely close to town and village centres, despite this there remains scope for negative effects on minimising the distance people need to travel to access key services and facilities and on limiting the opportunities for use of sustainable forms of transport. This is balanced by new development also enabling new opportunities for investment in community facilities, including Green Infrastructure and other measures that may help to support walking and cycling which may also help to reduce health inequalities, leading to possible minor positive effects on supporting health improvements. Overall the preferred option is considered to provide a balanced range of positive social, economic and environmental effects. A number of mitigation measures have been identified.

Mitigation measures:

- Wider initiatives of the Council should be supported to help deliver additional affordable homes.
- Local Plan policies to ensure that:
- Good standards of amenity and open space and Green Infrastructure are delivered as part of new housing development.
- New developments are brought forward in sustainable locations, support safe walking and cycling and deliver opportunities to increase take up of sustainable transport choices and improvements to healthy travel networks, including increased opportunities for access to the countryside.
- New developments are well designed, creating safe places and reduced opportunities for anti-social behaviour and that high environmental design standards are supported.
- Developments include appropriate landscaping to aid removal of air pollutants.
- Developments are directed towards areas of least flood risk and incorporate SuDS wherever possible.
- Support protection and enhancement of the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources including protection and enhancement of geologically important sites.

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	• Support protection and enhancement for the character of towns / villages; designated and non-designated heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings. • Support waste minimisation. • Support sustainable economic growth, including support for tourism and the visitor economy and town and village centres.					

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5. Staffordshire Moorlands Level 1 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) Update; AECOM Infrastructure and Environment UK Ltd; October 2015
6. Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study, Wardell Armstrong, August 2016 and subsequent updates
7. Landscape and Settlement Character Assessment Study; Wardell Armstrong; 2008
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9. Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study, Wardell Armstrong, August 2016 and subsequent updates

Appraisal of alternative options for an employment land requirement

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February 2017 Option 1: 13 hectares

SA Objective	Option 1: 13 hectares to 2031 (gross)					
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SOCIAL						
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Will it make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Will it improve neighbourhood quality? • Will it ensure that there is adequate open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Will it minimise light and noise pollution? • Will it ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	?	?	?	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of employment land allocations and the implementation of Local Plan policies.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Community cohesion and local environmental quality are more dependent on design and location of new development than on the overall employment land requirement. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that good standards of amenity and open space and Green Infrastructure are delivered as part of new employment development.
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Will it remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Will it help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and	?	?	?	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of employment land allocations and the implementation of Local Plan policies. This option represents the lower end of the range and as such may provide less opportunities than under all other options to allocate employment space across the district and thus help to minimise the distance people may need to travel to access jobs.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Equality of opportunity for all persons will be improved by any measure that has the effect of improving overall accessibility to jobs. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that new employment developments are brought forward in sustainable locations.

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	other key services and facilities.					
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Will it improve health or access to health facilities? • Will it promote healthy lifestyles? • Will it reduce health inequalities? • Will it provide opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	?	?	?	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of employment land allocations and the implementation of Local Plan policies. However this option represents the lower end of the range and as such may provide less opportunities than under all other options to allocate employment space across the district and thus deliver associated opportunities to increase take up of sustainable transport choices and support improvements to healthy travel networks.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: The more hectares of employment land allocated, the more opportunities are provided for increasing healthy travel networks. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that new employment developments deliver opportunities to increase take up of sustainable transport choices and improvements to healthy travel networks.
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Will it reduce actual levels of crime? • Will it reduce fear of crime?	?	?	?	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the implementation of relevant Local Plan policies.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Good design will help minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that new employment developments are well designed, creating safe places and reducing opportunities for anti-social behaviour.
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in	• Will it provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met?	-	-	-	In contrast to the other scenarios, this approach (labour supply) focuses on the future supply of labour rather than the demand for labour. The scenario projects the amount of new jobs needed	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Whilst there may not be a direct causal link

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appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Will it enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Will it ensure that people can afford their housing?				to match the future working-age population and how much employment space would be needed to accommodate these jobs. The demographic scenarios identified in the emerging SHMA result in a need for 170dpa and 196dpa. Overall the labour supply scenario is considered likely to lead to negative effects on this SA objective.	between housing and employment land requirements, there is nevertheless a need to ensure that the two dovetail together to avoid any unsustainable outcomes. **Mitigation measures**: The Local Plan may need to set out a strong policy intervention to ensure that the housing implications of the preferred employment land requirement are addressed.
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Will it minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Will it support the use of public transport? • Will it support safe walking and cycling? • Will it protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	?/-	?/-	?/--	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. The district has high levels of out commuting to Stoke-on-Trent, East Staffordshire and Newcastle-under-Lyme. This option represents the lower end of the range and as such may provide less opportunities than under all other options to ensure that there is sufficient local supply of employment land in the district for its businesses to expand and grow.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Reducing out commuting will help to reduce the number of journeys made by car overall. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that employment developments are brought forward in sustainable locations and support safe walking and cycling.
ENVIRONMENTAL						
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Will it reduce emissions of greenhouse gases particularly CO_2? • Will it increase energy efficiency?	-	-	-	There is some uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of developments and the implementation of Local Plan policies. However this option is likely to lead to the lowest overall increase in carbon emissions from the	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Even if employment developments are built to high environmental performance standards and

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	• Will it increase the use of renewable energy? • Will it ensure new development is in accessible locations in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?				energy consumption and emissions arising from construction and use of new development and associated car journeys.	delivered in sustainable locations, the total increase in employment opportunity and related car journeys is likely to increase energy use and associated greenhouse gas emissions. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that high environmental design standards are supported and that developments are brought forward in accessible locations that support the use of sustainable forms of transport.
8. To improve air quality.	• Will it minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Will it maximise the removal of air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	?	?/-	?/-	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. However as this option represents the lowest end of the employment land requirement range, it is likely to lead to the lowest level of new emissions of airborne pollutants associated with additional car journeys. In the long-term there is potential for development to be delivered within 500m of an identified area of poor air quality.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Identified areas of poor air quality include the Cellarhead junction (between the A52 and A520); Ball Haye Street, Leek (a primary link road from Leek A53 to the A523 Macclesfield and Buxton Road) and Broad Street, Leek (a primary link road from Stoke on Trent)**(1)**. The allocation of new employment land and car journeys from increased local employment opportunities is likely to increase emission of airborne pollutants. There is a risk that air quality may deteriorate in areas of existing low quality. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that developments include appropriate

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						landscaping to aid removal of air pollutants.
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Is new development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Will it reduce risk of flooding eg by encouraging the integration of mitigation measures such as SuDS into new development? • Will it protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Will it encourage water efficiency and demand management?	?	?	?	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. However the SFRA(2) confirms that there are few locations in which development would significantly increase fluvial flood risk elsewhere, due to the majority of potentially suitable sites for development being located within Flood Zone 1, with only a few sites partially within Flood Zone 2 or 3. This option requires the least allocation of employment land, and thus poses the lowest risk of all options to increase surface water flood risk within towns or villages and further downstream as a result of increased surface water runoff and reduced infiltration.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Development will be permitted only where schemes meet development plan requirements for management of flood risk. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that new developments are directed towards areas of least flood risk and incorporate SuDS wherever possible.
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Will it protect and promote effective management of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance? • Will it help contribute to Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Will it help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	?	?	?	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Policies in the Local Plan will provide protection for biodiversity and for sites of ecological and nature conservation importance. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure conservation and enhancement of biodiversity and that any development proposal is not permitted to have an adverse effect on the integrity of a European site.

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11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Will it safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Will it minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Will it reduce land contamination / instability? • Will it reduce the amount of derelict land? • Will it protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	?	?	?	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. However as it proposes the lowest allocation of new employment land of all options considered, this option is likely to lead to most overall, long-term protection for geological resources.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Policies in the Local Plan will provide protection for geological resources including the best and most versatile agricultural land. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure protection and enhancement of geologically important sites.
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Will it reduce waste generation? • Will it maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Will it increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	?	?	?	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Policies in the Local Plan will encourage the re-use of existing buildings wherever possible. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support waste minimisation.
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Will it ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Will it protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	?	?	?	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. However as it proposes the lowest allocation of new employment land of all options considered, this option is likely to lead to most overall, long-term protection for the character of settlements along with heritage assets and their settings.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Policies in the Local Plan will provide protection for heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support protection and enhancement for the character of towns / villages; heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.

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14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Will it protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Will it promote development on brownfield land? • Will it safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	?	?	?	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. The Landscape and Settlement Character Assessment Study[(3)] offers guidance to help ensure new development required in the District takes place in locations that are compatible with the unique quality of the Staffordshire Moorlands landscape and in sympathy with the setting of a particular settlement. The HEA[(4)] identified that (within each of the study areas) historic character had been retained and that beyond the present extent of the built areas, a dispersed settlement pattern was still predominant. However as it proposes the lowest allocation of new employment land of all options considered, this option is likely to lead to most overall, long-term protection for landscape character and other natural assets.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Policies in the Local Plan will provide protection for landscape character and natural assets. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support protection and enhancement of the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Will it support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Does it help support tourism and the visitor economy?	?	?	?	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. However as it proposes the lowest allocation of new employment land of all options considered, this option is likely to lead to least overall, long-term support for sustainable tourism.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: A thriving district with a robust cultural and visitor economy will require sufficient supply of local employment land. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support tourism and the visitor economy.
ECONOMIC						

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16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Will it safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Will it safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	+	+	+	Ensuring a sufficient supply of employment land is likely to enable local businesses to expand and a positive contribution being made to the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, contributing to the safeguarding and improvement of shops and services. However as it proposes the lowest allocation of new employment land of all options considered, this option is likely to lead to least overall, long-term support for the vitality and viability of the district's towns and villages.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Employees of expanding and incoming businesses will support their local retail, leisure and service provision. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support town and village centres.
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Will it provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Will it provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	+	+	++	This option would help to meet previously identified needs to revitalise current poor quality stock; help address the imbalance of the portfolio in terms of the size of properties available and meet continued demand for B2 floorspace (particularly from indigenous companies). However as it proposes the lowest allocation of new employment land of all options considered, this option is likely to lead to least overall, long-term support for strengthening, modernising and diversifying the district economy.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: A local supply of employment land will help to deliver economic growth across the plan area. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support sustainable economic growth.
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Will it meet the employment needs of local people? • Will it increase economic activity levels? • Will it improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Will it support higher income levels for local residents?	+	+	-	The labour supply scenario forecasts workforce jobs to be 35,485 in 2031 (a decline of 1,637 since 2014). As it proposes the lowest allocation of new employment land of all options considered, this option is likely to lead to least overall, long-term support for encouraging a high and stable level of employment.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Ensuring a sufficient supply of employment land is a central element of an efficiently functioning economy. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support sustainable economic growth.
Summary of significant effects:						

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	This option is based on labour supply projections and proposes the delivery of 13ha of employment land to 2031 (gross). This option represents the lower end of the range and as such may provide less opportunities than under all other options to ensure that there is sufficient local supply of employment land in the district for its businesses to expand and grow. However It is still likely to lead to a positive effect on the local economy and local employment through helping to meet previously identified needs to revitalise current poor quality stock; help address the imbalance of the portfolio in terms of the size of properties available and meet continued demand for B2 floorspace (particularly from indigenous companies). However as it proposes the lowest allocation of new employment land of all options considered, this option is likely to lead to least overall, long-term support for strengthening, modernising and diversifying the district economy. The labour supply scenario forecasts workforce jobs to be 35,485 in 2031 (a decline of 1,637 since 2014), of all options considered, this option is likely to lead to least overall, long-term support for encouraging a high and stable level of employment. Ensuring a sufficient supply of employment land is likely to enable local businesses to expand and make a positive contribution to the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, contributing to the safeguarding and improvement of shops and services. However this option makes the least positive contribution to this of all options considered. The option is considered likely to lead to negative effects on meeting housing need since the scenario projects the amount of new jobs needed to match the future working-age population and how much employment space would be needed to accommodate these jobs. The demographic scenarios identified in the emerging SHMA result in a need for 170dpa and 196dpa and housing supply at this level is not considered sufficient to meet objectively assessed need. Further negative effects are likely to result on objectives relating to climate change contributions and air quality that are associated with energy consumption and emissions arising from construction and use of new employment space and associated car journeys. Since the option represents the lowest allocation of new employment land there is less opportunity to deliver employment close to where people live, potentially increasing the distance people need to travel to access key services and facilities and making the use of sustainable forms of transport less likely. In addition, this option offers least opportunity to address the high levels of out commuting from the district, leading to negative effects predicted for the objective to reduce the number of journeys made by car. Uncertain effects are recorded on a number of SA objectives including those relating to community cohesion, the protection of biodiversity; the character of towns, villages and heritage assets and their settings; and landscape character and natural assets as the effect will be dependent on the location of employment land allocations and the implementation of Local Plan policies.					

Table 17.1 Assessment Table for Option 1: 13 hectares

1. 2014 Air Quality Progress Report for Staffordshire Moorlands District Council In fulfillment of Part IV of the Environment Act 1995 Local Air Quality Management; SMDC; November 2014
2. Staffordshire Moorlands Level 1 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) Update; AECOM Infrastructure and Environment UK Ltd; October 2015
3. Landscape and Settlement Character Assessment Study; Wardell Armstrong; 2008
4. Historic Environment Character Assessment: Staffordshire Moorlands; Staffordshire County Council; August 2010

Option 2: 16 hectares

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SOCIAL						
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Will it make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Will it improve neighbourhood quality? • Will it ensure that there is adequate open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Will it minimise light and noise pollution? • Will it ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	?	?	?	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of employment land allocations and the implementation of Local Plan policies.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Community cohesion and local environmental quality are more dependent on design and location of new development than on the overall employment land requirement. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that good standards of amenity and open space and Green Infrastructure are delivered as part of new employment development.
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Will it remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Will it help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and	?	?	?	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of employment land allocations and the implementation of Local Plan policies. This option is lower-mid range and as such may provide more opportunity than option 1, but less opportunity than under options 3 and 4 to allocate employment space across the district and thus help to minimise the distance people may need to travel to access jobs.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Equality of opportunity for all persons will be improved by any measure that has the effect of improving overall accessibility to jobs. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that new employment developments are brought forward in sustainable locations.

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	other key services and facilities.					
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Will it improve health or access to health facilities? • Will it promote healthy lifestyles? • Will it reduce health inequalities? • Will it provide opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	?	?	?	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of employment land allocations and the implementation of Local Plan policies. However this option is lower-mid range and as such may provide more opportunity than option 1, but less opportunity than under options 3 and 4 to allocate employment space across the district and thus deliver associated opportunities to increase take up of sustainable transport choices and support improvements to healthy travel networks.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: The more hectares of employment land allocated, the more opportunities are provided for increasing healthy travel networks. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that new employment developments deliver opportunities to increase take up of sustainable transport choices and improvements to healthy travel networks.
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Will it reduce actual levels of crime? • Will it reduce fear of crime?	?	?	?	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the implementation of relevant Local Plan policies.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Good design will help minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that new employment developments are well designed, creating safe places and reducing opportunities for anti-social behaviour.
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Will it provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Will it enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Will it ensure that people can afford their housing?	+	+	++	This option is based on demand-led projections. For this scenario it has been assumed that the district's overall job growth will stabilise over the coming years (ie zero job growth post 2014). To ensure labour supply to meet the job stabilisation forecasts, higher levels of housing delivery will be required. Overall the demand-led projections	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Whilst there may not be a direct causal link between housing and employment land requirements, there is nevertheless a need to ensure that the two dovetail together to avoid any unsustainable outcomes. **Mitigation measures**: The Local Plan may need to set out a strong policy intervention

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					are considered likely to lead to positive effects on this SA objective, particularly in the long term.	to ensure that the housing implications of the preferred employment land requirement are addressed.
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Will it minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Will it support the use of public transport? • Will it support safe walking and cycling? • Will it protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	?/+	?/+	?/++	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. The district has high levels of out commuting to Stoke-on-Trent, East Staffordshire and Newcastle-under-Lyme. This option is lower-mid range and as such may provide more opportunity than option 1, but less opportunity than under options 3 and 4 to ensure that there is sufficient local supply of employment land in the district for its businesses to expand and grow.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Reducing out commuting will help to reduce the number of journeys made by car overall. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that employment developments are brought forward in sustainable locations and support safe walking and cycling.
ENVIRONMENTAL						
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Will it reduce emissions of greenhouse gases particularly CO_2? • Will it increase energy efficiency? • Will it increase the use of renewable energy? • Will it ensure new development is in accessible locations in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	-	-	--	There is some uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of developments and the implementation of Local Plan policies. However this option is lower-mid range and as such is likely to lead to more impacts than option 1, but less than under options 3 and 4, in terms of overall increase in carbon emissions from the energy consumption and emissions arising from construction and use of new development and associated car journeys.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Even if employment developments are built to high environmental performance standards and delivered in sustainable locations, the total increase in employment opportunity and related car journeys is likely to increase energy use and associated greenhouse gas emissions. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that high environmental design standards are supported and that developments are brought forward in accessible locations that support the use of sustainable forms of transport.

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8. To improve air quality.	• Will it minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Will it maximise the removal of air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	?	?/-	?/-	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. However as this option is lower-mid the employment land requirement range, it is likely to lead to more impacts than option 1, but fewer impacts than under options 3 and 4 in relation to new emissions of airborne pollutants associated with additional car journeys. In the long-term there is potential for development to be delivered within 500m of an identified area of poor air quality.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Identified areas of poor air quality include the Cellarhead junction (between the A52 and A520); Ball Haye Street, Leek (a primary link road from Leek A53 to the A523 Macclesfield and Buxton Road) and Broad Street, Leek (a primary link road from Stoke on Trent)(1). The allocation of new employment land and car journeys from increased local employment opportunities is likely to increase emission of airborne pollutants. There is a risk that air quality may deteriorate in areas of existing low quality. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that developments include appropriate landscaping to aid removal of air pollutants.
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Is new development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Will it reduce risk of flooding eg by encouraging the integration of mitigation measures such as SuDS into new development? • Will it protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Will it encourage water efficiency and demand management?	?	?	?	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. However the SFRA(2) confirms that there are few locations in which development would significantly increase fluvial flood risk elsewhere, due to the majority of potentially suitable sites for development being located within Flood Zone 1, with only a few sites partially within Flood Zone 2 or 3. This options is lower-mid range, and thus poses more risk than option 1, but less risk than under options 3 and 4 to increase surface water flood risk within towns or villages and further downstream as a result of increased surface water runoff and reduced infiltration.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Development will be permitted only where schemes meet development plan requirements for management of flood risk. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that new developments are directed towards areas of least flood risk and incorporate SuDS wherever possible.

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10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Will it protect and promote effective management of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance? • Will it help contribute to Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Will it help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	?	?	?	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Policies in the Local Plan will provide protection for biodiversity and for sites of ecological and nature conservation importance. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure conservation and enhancement of biodiversity and that any development proposal is not permitted to have an adverse effect on the integrity of a European site.
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Will it safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Will it minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Will it reduce land contamination / instability? • Will it reduce the amount of derelict land? • Will it protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	?	?	?	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. However as this option is lower-mid range, it is likely to lead to less opportunity than option 1, but more opportunity than under options 3 and 4, to offer long-term protection for geological resources.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Policies in the Local Plan will provide protection for geological resources including the best and most versatile agricultural land. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure protection and enhancement of geologically important sites.
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Will it reduce waste generation? • Will it maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Will it increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	?	?	?	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Policies in the Local Plan will encourage the re-use of existing buildings wherever possible. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support waste minimisation.

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	Decision making criteria	Time-frame			Nature of effect; Comments	Justification; cumulative effects / mitigation measures
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13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Will it ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Will it protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	?	?	?	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. However as this option is lower-mid range, it is likely to lead to less opportunity than option 1, but more opportunity than under options 3 and 4, to offer long-term protection for the character of settlements along with heritage assets and their settings.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Policies in the Local Plan will provide protection for heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support protection and enhancement for the character of towns / villages; heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Will it protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Will it promote development on brownfield land? • Will it safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	?	?	?	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. The Landscape and Settlement Character Assessment Study[(3)] offers guidance to help ensure new development required in the District takes place in locations that are compatible with the unique quality of the Staffordshire Moorlands landscape and in sympathy with the setting of a particular settlement. The HEA[(4)] identified that (within each of the study areas) historic character had been retained and that beyond the present extent of the built areas, a dispersed settlement pattern was still predominant. However as this option is lower-mid range, it is likely to lead to less opportunity than option 1, but more opportunity than under options 3 and 4, to offer long-term protection for landscape character and other natural assets.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Policies in the Local Plan will provide protection for landscape character and natural assets. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support protection and enhancement of the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.

SA Objective	Option 2: 16 hectares 2014 - 2031 (gross)					
	Decision making criteria	Time-frame			Nature of effect; Comments	Justification; cumulative effects / mitigation measures
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15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Will it support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Does it help support tourism and the visitor economy?	?	?	?	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. However as this option is lower-mid range, it is likely to lead to more opportunity than option 1, but less opportunity than under options 3 and 4, to offer long-term support for sustainable tourism.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: A thriving district with a robust cultural and visitor economy will require sufficient supply of local employment land. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support tourism and the visitor economy.
ECONOMIC						
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Will it safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Will it safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	+	+	++	Ensuring a sufficient supply of employment land is likely to enable local businesses to expand and a positive contribution being made to the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, contributing to the safeguarding and improvement of shops and services. However as this option is lower-mid range, it is likely to lead to more opportunity than option 1, but less opportunity than under options 3 and 4, to offer long-term support for the vitality and viability of the district's towns and villages.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Employees of expanding and incoming businesses will support their local retail, leisure and service provision. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support town and village centres.
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Will it provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Will it provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	+	+	++	This option would help to meet previously identified needs to revitalise current poor quality stock; help address the imbalance of the portfolio in terms of the size of properties available and meet continued demand for B2 floorspace (particularly from indigenous companies). However as this option is lower-mid range, it is likely to lead to more opportunity than option 1, but less opportunity than under options 3 and 4, to offer long-term support for strengthening, modernising and diversifying the district economy.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: A local supply of employment land will help to deliver economic growth across the plan area. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support sustainable economic growth.

SA Objective	Option 2: 16 hectares 2014 - 2031 (gross)					
	Decision making criteria	Time-frame			Nature of effect; Comments	Justification; cumulative effects / mitigation measures
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18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Will it meet the employment needs of local people? • Will it increase economic activity levels? • Will it improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Will it support higher income levels for local residents?	+	+	+	For this scenario it has been assumed that the district's overall job growth will stabilise over the coming years, ie zero job growth post 2014. To maintain an overall zero job growth it is assumed that B-class job growth will reduce by 433 to 2031. This option is lower-mid range and is likely to lead to more opportunity than option 1, but less opportunity than under options 3 and 4, to offer long-term support for encouraging a high and stable level of employment.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Ensuring a sufficient supply of employment land is a central element of an efficiently functioning economy. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support sustainable economic growth.
Summary of significant effects: This option is based on a demand-led projection and proposes the delivery of 16ha of employment land 2014 to 2031 (gross). This job stabilisation scenario provides a lower-mid range employment land requirement option and as such may provide more opportunity than option 1, but less opportunity than under options 3 and 4 to ensure that there is sufficient local supply of employment land in the district for its businesses to expand and grow. However the option is likely to lead to a positive effect on the local economy and local employment through helping to meet previously identified needs to revitalise current poor quality stock; help address the imbalance of the portfolio in terms of the size of properties available and meet continued demand for B2 floorspace (particularly from indigenous companies). As lower-mid-range, this option is likely to lead to more opportunity than under option 1, but less opportunity than under options 3 and 4, to offer long-term support for strengthening, modernising and diversifying the district economy. The scenario assumes that the district's overall job growth will stabilise over the coming years, ie zero job growth post 2014 and the option is likely to lead to more opportunity than option 1, but less opportunity than under options 3 and 4, to offer long-term support for encouraging a high and stable level of employment. Ensuring a sufficient supply of employment land is likely to enable local businesses to expand and make a positive contribution to the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, contributing to the safeguarding and improvement of shops and services. The option makes a more positive contribution to this than option 1, but less of a positive contribution than is likely under options 3 and 4. The option is considered likely to lead to positive effects on meeting housing need since to ensure labour supply meets the job stabilisation forecast, higher levels of housing delivery will be required and this is likely to lead to meeting objectively assessed need. Negative effects are likely to result for objectives relating to climate change contributions and air quality that are associated with energy consumption and emissions arising from construction and use of new employment space and associated car journeys. Since the option is lower-mid range, there is more opportunity to deliver employment close to where people live than under option 1 but less opportunity than under options 3 and 4, influencing the distance people need to travel to access key services and facilities and impacting on the likelihood of people being enabled to use sustainable forms of transport. In addition, the option offers some opportunity to address the high levels of out commuting from the district, leading to less significant negative effects than under option 1, but more negative impacts than under options 3 and 4 predicted for the objective to reduce the number of journeys made by car. Uncertain effects are recorded on a number of SA objectives including those relating to community cohesion, the protection of biodiversity; the character of towns, villages and heritage assets and their settings; and landscape character and natural assets as the effect will be dependent on the location of employment land allocations and the implementation of Local Plan policies.					

Table 17.2 Assessment Table for Option 2: 16 hectares

1. 2014 Air Quality Progress Report for Staffordshire Moorlands District Council In fulfillment of Part IV of the Environment Act 1995 Local Air Quality Management; SMDC; November 2014

2. Staffordshire Moorlands Level 1 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) Update; AECOM Infrastructure and Environment UK Ltd; October 2015
3. Landscape and Settlement Character Assessment Study; Wardell Armstrong; 2008
4. Historic Environment Character Assessment: Staffordshire Moorlands; Staffordshire County Council; August 2010

Option 3: 25 hectares

SA Objective	Option 3: 25 hectares 2014 to 2031 (gross)					
	Decision making criteria	Time-frame			Nature of effect; Comments	Justification; cumulative effects / mitigation measures
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SOCIAL						
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Will it make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Will it improve neighbourhood quality? • Will it ensure that there is adequate open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Will it minimise light and noise pollution? • Will it ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	?	?	?	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of employment land allocations and the implementation of Local Plan policies.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Community cohesion and local environmental quality are more dependent on design and location of new development than on the overall employment land requirement. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that good standards of amenity and open space and Green Infrastructure are delivered as part of new employment development.
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Will it remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion /	?	?	?	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of employment land allocations and the implementation of Local Plan policies. This option is upper-mid range and as such may provide more opportunity than under options 1 and 2 but less opportunity than option 4 to allocate employment space across the district and thus	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Equality of opportunity for all persons will be improved by any measure that has the effect of improving overall accessibility to jobs. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that new employment developments are brought forward in sustainable locations.

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	belief, sex and sexual orientation? ● Will it help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.				help to minimise the distance people may need to travel to access jobs.	
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	● Will it improve health or access to health facilities? ● Will it promote healthy lifestyles? ● Will it reduce health inequalities? ● Will it provide opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	?	?	?	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of employment land allocations and the implementation of Local Plan policies. However this option is upper-mid range and as such may provide more opportunity than under options 1 and 2 but less opportunity than option 4 to allocate employment space across the district and thus deliver associated opportunities to increase take up of sustainable transport choices and support improvements to healthy travel networks.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: The more hectares of employment land allocated, the more opportunities are provided for increasing healthy travel networks. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that new employment developments deliver opportunities to increase take up of sustainable transport choices and improvements to healthy travel networks.
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	● Will it reduce actual levels of crime? ● Will it reduce fear of crime?	?	?	?	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the implementation of relevant Local Plan policies.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Good design will help minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that new employment developments are well designed, creating safe places and reducing opportunities for anti-social behaviour.
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision	● Will it provide an appropriate mix of	+	++	++	This option is based on demand-led projections. Past trends in FTE job growth	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions**

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of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	housing to enable all needs to be met? ● Will it enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? ● Will it ensure that people can afford their housing?				over the period 2014-2031 were considered (2,609) in addition to past take up rates of employment sites in the district, reflecting market demand. To ensure labour supply is sufficient to support the net land requirement produced by this approach (around 3ha - 3.9ha to 2031) high levels of housing delivery will be required. Overall the scenario is considered likely to lead to positive effects on this SA objective.	**made**: Whilst there may not be a direct causal link between housing and employment land requirements, there is nevertheless a need to ensure that the two dovetail together to avoid any unsustainable outcomes. **Mitigation measures**: The Local Plan may need to set out a strong policy intervention to ensure that the housing implications of the preferred employment land requirement are addressed.
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	● Will it minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? ● Will it support the use of public transport? ● Will it support safe walking and cycling? ● Will it protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	?/+	?/+	?/++	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. The district has high levels of out commuting to Stoke-on-Trent, East Staffordshire and Newcastle-under-Lyme. This option is upper-mid range and as such may provide more opportunity than under options 1 and 2 but less opportunity than option 4 to ensure that there is sufficient local supply of employment land in the district for its businesses to expand and grow.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Reducing out commuting will help to reduce the number of journeys made by car overall. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that employment developments are brought forward in sustainable locations and support safe walking and cycling.
ENVIRONMENTAL						
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	● Will it reduce emissions of greenhouse gases particularly CO_2? ● Will it increase energy efficiency?	-	-	--	There is some uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of developments and the implementation of Local Plan policies. However this option is is upper-mid range and as such may lead to higher impacts than under	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Even if employment developments are built to high environmental performance standards and delivered in sustainable locations, the total increase

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	• Will it increase the use of renewable energy? • Will it ensure new development is in accessible locations in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?				options 1 and 2 but less impact than option 4 in relation to overall increases in carbon emissions from the energy consumption and emissions arising from construction and use of new development and associated car journeys.	in employment opportunity and related car journeys is likely to increase energy use and associated greenhouse gas emissions. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that high environmental design standards are supported and that developments are brought forward in accessible locations that support the use of sustainable forms of transport.
8. To improve air quality.	• Will it minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Will it maximise the removal of air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	?	?/-	?/--	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. However this option is upper-mid range and as such may lead to higher impacts than under options 1 and 2 but less impact than option 4 in relation to the level of new emissions of airborne pollutants associated with additional car journeys. In the long-term there is potential for development to be delivered within 500m of an identified area of poor air quality.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Identified areas of poor air quality include the Cellarhead junction (between the A52 and A520); Ball Haye Street, Leek (a primary link road from Leek A53 to the A523 Macclesfield and Buxton Road) and Broad Street, Leek (a primary link road from Stoke on Trent)[(1)]. The allocation of new employment land and car journeys from increased local employment opportunities is likely to increase emission of airborne pollutants. There is a risk that air quality may deteriorate in areas of existing low quality. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that developments include appropriate landscaping to aid removal of air pollutants.
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Is new development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Will it reduce risk of flooding eg by	?	?	?	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Development will be permitted only where schemes meet development plan requirements for management of flood

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	encouraging the integration of mitigation measures such as SuDS into new development? • Will it protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Will it encourage water efficiency and demand management?				However the SFRA(2) confirms that there are few locations in which development would significantly increase fluvial flood risk elsewhere, due to the majority of potentially suitable sites for development being located within Flood Zone 1, with only a few sites partially within Flood Zone 2 or 3. However this option is upper-mid range and as such may lead to higher impacts than under options 1 and 2 but less impact than option 4 in relation to any increase in surface water flood risk within towns or villages and further downstream as a result of increased surface water runoff and reduced infiltration.	risk. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that new developments are directed towards areas of least flood risk and incorporate SuDS wherever possible.
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Will it protect and promote effective management of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance? • Will it help contribute to Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Will it help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	?	?	?	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Policies in the Local Plan will provide protection for biodiversity and for sites of ecological and nature conservation importance. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure conservation and enhancement of biodiversity and that any development proposal is not permitted to have an adverse effect on the integrity of a European site.
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Will it safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Will it minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Will it reduce land contamination / instability?	?	?	?	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. However this option is upper-mid range and as such may lead to higher impacts than under options 1 and 2 but less impact than option 4	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Policies in the Local Plan will provide protection for geological resources including the best and most versatile agricultural land. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure

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	• Will it reduce the amount of derelict land? • Will it protect notable geological and geomorphological features?				in relation to overall, long-term protection for geological resources.	protection and enhancement of geologically important sites.
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Will it reduce waste generation? • Will it maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Will it increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	?	?	?	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Policies in the Local Plan will encourage the re-use of existing buildings wherever possible. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support waste minimisation.
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Will it ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Will it protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	?	?	?	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. However this option is upper-mid range and as such may lead to higher impacts than under options 1 and 2 but less impact than option 4 in relation to overall, long-term protection for the character of settlements along with heritage assets and their settings.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Policies in the Local Plan will provide protection for heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support protection and enhancement for the character of towns / villages; heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and	• Will it protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness?	?	?	?	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Policies in the Local Plan will provide protection for landscape character

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other natural assets and resources.	• Will it promote development on brownfield land? • Will it safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?				The Landscape and Settlement Character Assessment Study[3] offers guidance to help ensure new development required in the District takes place in locations that are compatible with the unique quality of the Staffordshire Moorlands landscape and in sympathy with the setting of a particular settlement. The HEA[4] identified that (within each of the study areas) historic character had been retained and that beyond the present extent of the built areas, a dispersed settlement pattern was still predominant. However this option is upper-mid range and as such may lead to higher impacts than under options 1 and 2 but less impact than option 4 in relation to overall, long-term protection for landscape character and other natural assets.	and natural assets. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support protection and enhancement of the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Will it support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Does it help support tourism and the visitor economy?	?	?	?	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. However this option is upper-mid range and as such may lead to higher impacts than under options 1 and 2 but less impact than option 4 in relation to overall, long-term support for sustainable tourism.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: A thriving district with a robust cultural and visitor economy will require sufficient supply of local employment land. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support tourism and the visitor economy.
ECONOMIC						

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	Decision making criteria	Time-frame			Nature of effect; Comments	Justification; cumulative effects / mitigation measures
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16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Will it safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Will it safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	+	++	++	Ensuring a sufficient supply of employment land is likely to enable local businesses to expand and a positive contribution being made to the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, contributing to the safeguarding and improvement of shops and services. This option is upper-mid range and as such may lead to higher impacts than under options 1 and 2 but less impact than option 4 in relation to overall, long-term support for the vitality and viability of the district's towns and villages.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Employees of expanding and incoming businesses will support their local retail, leisure and service provision. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support town and village centres.
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Will it provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Will it provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	+	++	++	This option would help to meet previously identified needs to revitalise current poor quality stock; help address the imbalance of the portfolio in terms of the size of properties available and meet continued demand for B2 floorspace (particularly from indigenous companies). However this option is upper-mid range and as such may lead to higher impacts than under options 1 and 2 but less impact than option 4 in relation to overall, long-term support for strengthening, modernising and diversifying the district economy.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: A local supply of employment land will help to deliver economic growth across the plan area. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support sustainable economic growth.
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Will it meet the employment needs of local people? • Will it increase economic activity levels? • Will it improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Will it support higher income levels for local residents?	+	+	++	The past trends job growth scenario suggests growth in office FTE jobs (B1a) but declining FTE jobs in industrial (B1c/B2) and warehousing (B8) land use. Consideration of past take up rates suggests limited prospects for growth in the B-class employment sectors. The practical physical constraints and relative inaccessibility of certain areas and the current lack of viability of employment development schemes suggests that realistically an upsurge in large developments in the district is unlikely for the forseeable future. However this option	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Ensuring a sufficient supply of employment land is a central element of an efficiently functioning economy. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support sustainable economic growth.

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					is upper-mid range and as such may lead to higher impacts than under options 1 and 2 but less impact than option 4 in relation to overall, long-term support for encouraging a high and stable level of employment.	

Summary of significant effects:

This option is based on demand-led projections informed by past take up rates and past trends, proposing the delivery of 25ha of employment land to 2031 (gross). This option is upper-mid range and as such may provide more opportunities than under options 1 and 2, but less opportunity than option 4 to ensure that there is sufficient local supply of employment land in the district for its businesses to expand and grow. This option is likely to lead to a significantly positive effect on the local economy and local employment through helping to meet previously identified needs to revitalise current poor quality stock; help address the imbalance of the portfolio in terms of the size of properties available and meet continued demand for B2 floorspace (particularly from indigenous companies). As this option is upper-mid range it may provide more opportunities than under options 1 and 2, but less opportunity than option 4 to lead to overall, long-term support for strengthening, modernising and diversifying the district economy. The past trends job growth scenario suggests growth in office FTE jobs (B1a) but declining FTE jobs in industrial (B1c/B2) and warehousing (B8) land use. Consideration of past take up rates suggests limited prospects for growth in the B-class employment sectors. The practical physical constraints and relative inaccessibility of certain areas and the current lack of viability of employment development schemes suggests that realistically an upsurge in large developments in the district is unlikely for the forseeable future. However as this option is upper-mid range it may provide more opportunities than under options 1 and 2, but less opportunity than option 4 to lead to long-term support for encouraging a high and stable level of employment. Ensuring a sufficient supply of employment land is likely to enable local businesses to expand and make a positive contribution to the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, contributing to the safeguarding and improvement of shops and services. This option makes a more positive contribution to this than options 1 and 2, but less of a contribution than option 4. The option is also considered likely to lead to positive effects on meeting housing need. Past trends in FTE job growth over the period 2014-2031 were considered (2,609) in addition to past take up rates of employment sites in the district, reflecting market demand. To ensure labour supply is sufficient to support the net land requirement produced by this approach (around 3ha - 3.9ha to 2031) high levels of housing delivery will be required, likely to be considered sufficient to meet objectively assessed need. Since the option is upper-mid range, there is most opportunity to deliver employment close to where people live than under options 1 and 2, potentially reducing the distance people need to travel to access key services and facilities and making the use of sustainable forms of transport more likely, however the option offers less of a positive contribution to this than option 4. In addition, this option offers more opportunity than options 1 and 2 to address the high levels of out-commuting from the district, leading to positive effects predicted for the objective to reduce the number of journeys made by car; although the significance is less than under option 4. However negative effects are likely to result on objectives relating to climate change contributions and air quality that are associated with energy consumption and emissions arising from construction and use of new employment space and associated car journeys, these effects are likely to be greater than under options 1 and 2 , but less significant than under option 4. Uncertain effects are recorded on a number of SA objectives including those relating to community cohesion, the protection of biodiversity; the character of towns, villages and heritage assets and their settings; and landscape character and natural assets as the effect will be dependent on the location of employment land allocations and the implementation of Local Plan policies.

Table 17.3 Assessment Table for Option 3: 25 hectares

1. 2014 Air Quality Progress Report for Staffordshire Moorlands District Council In fulfillment of Part IV of the Environment Act 1995 Local Air Quality Management; SMDC; November 2014
2. Staffordshire Moorlands Level 1 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) Update; AECOM Infrastructure and Environment UK Ltd; October 2015
3. Landscape and Settlement Character Assessment Study; Wardell Armstrong; 2008

4. Historic Environment Character Assessment: Staffordshire Moorlands; Staffordshire County Council; August 2010

Option 4: 27 hectares

SA Objective	Option 4: 27 hectares 2014 to 2031 (gross)					
	Decision making criteria	Time-frame			Nature of effect; Comments	Justification; cumulative effects / mitigation measures
		ST	MT	LT		
SOCIAL						
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Will it make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Will it improve neighbourhood quality? • Will it ensure that there is adequate open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Will it minimise light and noise pollution? • Will it ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	?	?	?	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of employment land allocations and the implementation of Local Plan policies.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Community cohesion and local environmental quality are more dependent on design and location of new development than on the overall employment land requirement. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that good standards of amenity and open space and Green Infrastructure are delivered as part of new employment development.
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Will it remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Will it help to minimise the distance people need to	?	?	?	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of employment land allocations and the implementation of Local Plan policies. This option represents the upper end of the range and as such may provide more opportunities than under all other options to allocate employment space across the district and thus help to minimise the distance people may need to travel to access jobs.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Equality of opportunity for all persons will be improved by any measure that has the effect of improving overall accessibility to jobs. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that new employment developments are brought forward in sustainable locations.

SA Objective	Option 4: 27 hectares 2014 to 2031 (gross)					
	Decision making criteria	Time-frame			Nature of effect; Comments	Justification; cumulative effects / mitigation measures
		ST	MT	LT		
	travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.					
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Will it improve health or access to health facilities? • Will it promote healthy lifestyles? • Will it reduce health inequalities? • Will it provide opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	?	?	?	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of employment land allocations and the implementation of Local Plan policies. However this option represents the upper end of the range and as such may provide more opportunities than under all other options to allocate employment space across the district and thus deliver associated opportunities to increase take up of sustainable transport choices and support improvements to healthy travel networks.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: The more hectares of employment land allocated, the more opportunities are provided for increasing healthy travel networks. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that new employment developments deliver opportunities to increase take up of sustainable transport choices and improvements to healthy travel networks.
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Will it reduce actual levels of crime? • Will it reduce fear of crime?	?	?	?	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the implementation of relevant Local Plan policies.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Good design will help minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that new employment developments are well designed, creating safe places and reducing opportunities for anti-social behaviour.
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types	• Will it provide an appropriate mix of housing	++	++	++	This option is based on demand-led projections combining Oxford Economics and Experian job growth projections. To ensure labour supply is	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Whilst there

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	Decision making criteria	Time-frame			Nature of effect; Comments	Justification; cumulative effects / mitigation measures
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to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	to enable all needs to be met? ● Will it enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? ● Will it ensure that people can afford their housing?				sufficient to support the net land requirement produced by this approach (around 6.5ha 2014 to 2031) significant levels of housing delivery will be required. Overall the scenario is considered likely to lead to positive effects on this SA objective.	may not be a direct causal link between housing and employment land requirements, there is nevertheless a need to ensure that the two dovetail together to avoid any unsustainable outcomes. **Mitigation measures**: The Local Plan may need to set out a strong policy intervention to ensure that the housing implications of the preferred employment land requirement are addressed.
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	● Will it minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? ● Will it support the use of public transport? ● Will it support safe walking and cycling? ● Will it protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	?/+	?/++	?/++	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. The district has high levels of out commuting to Stoke-on-Trent, East Staffordshire and Newcastle-under-Lyme. This option represents the upper end of the range and as such may provide more opportunities than under all other options to ensure that there is sufficient local supply of employment land in the district for its businesses to expand and grow.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Reducing out commuting will help to reduce the number of journeys made by car overall. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that employment developments are brought forward in sustainable locations and support safe walking and cycling.
ENVIRONMENTAL						
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	● Will it reduce emissions of greenhouse gases particularly CO_2? ● Will it increase energy efficiency?	-	--	--	There is some uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of developments and the implementation of Local Plan policies. However this option is likely to lead to the highest overall increase in carbon emissions from the	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Even if employment developments are built to high environmental performance standards and

SA Objective	Option 4: 27 hectares 2014 to 2031 (gross)					
	Decision making criteria	Time-frame			Nature of effect; Comments	Justification; cumulative effects / mitigation measures
		ST	MT	LT		
	• Will it increase the use of renewable energy? • Will it ensure new development is in accessible locations in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?				energy consumption and emissions arising from construction and use of new development and associated car journeys.	delivered in sustainable locations, the total increase in employment opportunity and related car journeys is likely to increase energy use and associated greenhouse gas emissions. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that high environmental design standards are supported and that developments are brought forward in accessible locations that support the use of sustainable forms of transport.
8. To improve air quality.	• Will it minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Will it maximise the removal of air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	?	?/--	?/--	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. However as this option represents the upper end of the employment land requirement range, it is likely to lead to the highest level of new emissions of airborne pollutants associated with additional car journeys. In the long-term there is potential for development to be delivered within 500m of an identified area of poor air quality.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Identified areas of poor air quality include the Cellarhead junction (between the A52 and A520); Ball Haye Street, Leek (a primary link road from Leek A53 to the A523 Macclesfield and Buxton Road) and Broad Street, Leek (a primary link road from Stoke on Trent)**(1)**. The allocation of new employment land and car journeys from increased local employment opportunities is likely to increase emission of airborne pollutants. There is a risk that air quality may deteriorate in areas of existing low quality. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that developments include appropriate

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	Decision making criteria	Time-frame			Nature of effect; Comments	Justification; cumulative effects / mitigation measures
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						landscaping to aid removal of air pollutants.
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Is new development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Will it reduce risk of flooding eg by encouraging the integration of mitigation measures such as SuDS into new development? • Will it protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Will it encourage water efficiency and demand management?	?	?	?	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. However the SFRA(2) confirms that there are few locations in which development would significantly increase fluvial flood risk elsewhere, due to the majority of potentially suitable sites for development being located within Flood Zone 1, with only a few sites partially within Flood Zone 2 or 3. This option requires the greatest allocation of employment land, and thus poses the highest risk of all options to increase surface water flood risk within towns or villages and further downstream as a result of increased surface water runoff and reduced infiltration.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Development will be permitted only where schemes meet development plan requirements for management of flood risk. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that new developments are directed towards areas of least flood risk and incorporate SuDS wherever possible.
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Will it protect and promote effective management of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance? • Will it help contribute to Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Will it help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	?	?	?	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Policies in the Local Plan will provide protection for biodiversity and for sites of ecological and nature conservation importance. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure conservation and enhancement of biodiversity and that any development proposal is not permitted to have an adverse effect on the integrity of a European site.

SA Objective	Option 4: 27 hectares 2014 to 2031 (gross)					
	Decision making criteria	Time-frame			Nature of effect; Comments	Justification; cumulative effects / mitigation measures
		ST	MT	LT		
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Will it safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Will it minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Will it reduce land contamination / instability? • Will it reduce the amount of derelict land? • Will it protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	?	?	?	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. However as it proposes the greatest allocation of new employment land of all options considered, this option is likely to lead to least overall, long-term protection for geological resources.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Policies in the Local Plan will provide protection for geological resources including the best and most versatile agricultural land. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure protection and enhancement of geologically important sites.
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Will it reduce waste generation? • Will it maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Will it increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	?	?	?	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Policies in the Local Plan will encourage the re-use of existing buildings wherever possible. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support waste minimisation.
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Will it ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Will it protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	?	?	?	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. However as it proposes the greatest allocation of new employment land of all options considered, this option is likely to lead to least overall, long-term protection for the character of settlements along with heritage assets and their settings.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Policies in the Local Plan will provide protection for heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support protection and enhancement for the character of towns / villages; heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.

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	Decision making criteria	Time-frame			Nature of effect; Comments	Justification; cumulative effects / mitigation measures
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14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Will it protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Will it promote development on brownfield land? • Will it safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	?	?	?	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. The Landscape and Settlement Character Assessment Study(3) offers guidance to help ensure new development required in the District takes place in locations that are compatible with the unique quality of the Staffordshire Moorlands landscape and in sympathy with the setting of a particular settlement. The HEA(4) identified that (within each of the study areas) historic character had been retained and that beyond the present extent of the built areas, a dispersed settlement pattern was still predominant. However as it proposes the greatest allocation of new employment land of all options considered, this option is likely to lead to least overall, long-term protection for landscape character and other natural assets.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Policies in the Local Plan will provide protection for landscape character and natural assets. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support protection and enhancement of the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Will it support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Does it help support tourism and the visitor economy?	?	?	?	There is uncertainty as to the nature of the effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the location of development and the implementation of Local Plan policies. However as it proposes the greatest allocation of new employment land of all options considered, this option is likely to lead to most overall, long-term support for sustainable tourism.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: A thriving district with a robust cultural and visitor economy will require sufficient supply of local employment land. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support tourism and the visitor economy.
ECONOMIC						

SA Objective	Option 4: 27 hectares 2014 to 2031 (gross)					
	Decision making criteria	Time-frame			Nature of effect; Comments	Justification; cumulative effects / mitigation measures
		ST	MT	LT		
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Will it safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Will it safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	+	++	++	Ensuring a sufficient supply of employment land is likely to enable local businesses to expand and a positive contribution being made to the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, contributing to the safeguarding and improvement of shops and services. As it proposes the greatest allocation of new employment land of all options considered, this option is likely to lead to most overall, long-term support for the vitality and viability of the district's towns and villages.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Employees of expanding and incoming businesses will support their local retail, leisure and service provision. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support town and village centres.
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Will it provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Will it provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	++	++	++	This option would help to meet previously identified needs to revitalise current poor quality stock; help address the imbalance of the portfolio in terms of the size of properties available and meet continued demand for B2 floorspace (particularly from indigenous companies). However as it proposes the greatest allocation of new employment land of all options considered, this option is likely to lead to most overall, long-term support for strengthening, modernising and diversifying the district economy.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: A local supply of employment land will help to deliver economic growth across the plan area. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support sustainable economic growth.
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Will it meet the employment needs of local people? • Will it increase economic activity levels? • Will it improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Will it support higher income levels for local residents?	++	++	++	This scenario represents a combination of Oxford Economics and Experian job growth forecasts. Whilst both projections indicate growth over the plan period, the projected scales vary considerably. OE suggest a net growth of +228 jobs 2014 - 2031 whilst Experian projections forecast +1,300 over the same period. A key difference between them relates to the projections for manufacture of machinery and equipment and of transport equipment with OE projections suggesting a decline of -427 FTE jobs for these two sectors and Experian projections suggesting a growth of 1,676 FTE jobs net. Given the presence of successful companies in the district	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Ensuring a sufficient supply of employment land is a central element of an efficiently functioning economy. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support sustainable economic growth.

SA Objective	Option 4: 27 hectares 2014 to 2031 (gross)					
	Decision making criteria	Time-frame			Nature of effect; Comments	Justification; cumulative effects / mitigation measures
		ST	MT	LT		
					specialising in these advanced manufacturing sectors, the NLP report considers there is merit in taking forward a combination of the two job growth scenarios providing a net increase of 435 B-Class FTE jobs 2014-2031 (794 FTEs in total). The report notes that allocation of this level of employment land would require policy intervention and close monitoring to ensure that the associated scale of job growth is realistic. However as it proposes the greatest allocation of new employment land of all options considered, this option has the potential to lead to most overall, long-term support for encouraging a high and stable level of employment.	

Summary of significant effects:

This option is based on demand-led projections informed by Oxford Economics and Experian job growth forecasts, proposing the delivery of 27ha of employment land to 2031 (gross). This option represents the upper end of the range and as such may provide more opportunities than under all other options to ensure that there is sufficient local supply of employment land in the district for its businesses to expand and grow. This option is likely to lead to a significantly positive effect on the local economy and local employment through helping to meet previously identified needs to revitalise current poor quality stock; help address the imbalance of the portfolio in terms of the size of properties available and meet continued demand for B2 floorspace (particularly from indigenous companies). The scenario represents a combination of Oxford Economics (OE) and Experian job growth forecasts. Whilst both projections indicate growth over the plan period, the magnitude of this varies considerably. OE suggest a net growth of +228 jobs 2014 - 2031 whilst Experian projections forecast +1,300 over the same period. A key difference between them relates to the projections for manufacture of machinery and equipment and of transport equipment with OE projections suggesting a decline of -427 FTE jobs for these two sectors and Experian projections suggesting a growth of 1,676 FTE jobs net. Given the presence of successful companies in the district specialising in these advanced manufacturing sectors, the NLP report considers there is merit in taking forward a combination of the two job growth scenarios providing a net increase of 435 B-Class FTE jobs 2014-2031 (794 FTEs in total). The report notes that allocation of this level of employment land would require policy intervention via the emerging Local Plan and close monitoring to ensure that the associated scale of job growth is realistic. However as it proposes the greatest allocation of new employment land of all options considered, this option has the greatest potential to lead to overall, long-term support for strengthening, modernising and diversifying the district economy and encouraging a high and stable level of employment. Ensuring a sufficient supply of employment land is likely to enable local businesses to expand and make a positive contribution to the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, contributing to the safeguarding and improvement of shops and services. This option makes the most positive contribution to this of all options considered. The option is also considered likely to lead to positive effects on meeting housing need. To ensure labour supply is sufficient to support the net land requirement produced by this approach (around 6.5ha 2014 to 2031) significant levels of housing delivery will be required, likely to be considered sufficient to meet objectively assessed need. Since the option represents the greatest allocation of new employment land there is most opportunity to deliver employment close to where people live, potentially reducing the distance people need to travel to access key services and facilities and making the use of sustainable forms of transport more likely. In addition, this option offers most opportunity to address the high levels of out-commuting from the district, leading to positive effects predicted for the objective to reduce the number of journeys made by car. However negative effects are likely to result on objectives relating to climate change contributions and air quality that are

SA Objective	Option 4: 27 hectares 2014 to 2031 (gross)					
	Decision making criteria	Time-frame			Nature of effect; Comments	Justification; cumulative effects / mitigation measures
		ST	MT	LT		
associated with energy consumption and emissions arising from construction and use of new employment space and associated car journeys. Uncertain effects are recorded on a number of SA objectives including those relating to community cohesion, the protection of biodiversity; the character of towns, villages and heritage assets and their settings; and landscape character and natural assets as the effect will be dependent on the location of employment land allocations and the implementation of Local Plan policies.						

Table 17.4

1. 2014 Air Quality Progress Report for Staffordshire Moorlands District Council In fulfillment of Part IV of the Environment Act 1995 Local Air Quality Management; SMDC; November 2014
2. Staffordshire Moorlands Level 1 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) Update; AECOM Infrastructure and Environment UK Ltd; October 2015
3. Landscape and Settlement Character Assessment Study; Wardell Armstrong; 2008
4. Historic Environment Character Assessment: Staffordshire Moorlands; Staffordshire County Council; August 2010

Appraisal of alternative development approaches for Cheadle

18 Appraisal of alternative development approaches for Cheadle

18.1 The matrices below set out the likely significant effects on sustainability of the three alternative options considered by the Council for a development approach for Cheadle. The assessments are based on the methodology proposed and consulted on in the SA Scoping Report and use the SA Framework also developed through consultation as part of the SA Scoping stage.

18.2 As part of the SA appraisal of options, consideration has been given to effects on sustainability over time (in the short, medium and long term) along with any cumulative impacts of implementing each option and possible mitigation measures where appropriate.

18.3 In comparing options with one another, consideration has also been given to the geographical scale of effect, whether any identified effects would be permanent or temporary, reversible or irreversible and the assumptions made, or justification for the assessment recorded.

18.4 Definitions of significance are provided in Section 3 Appraisal Methodology.

18.5 Scoring of options is as set out in Table 8.1.

Option 1: Northern Focus

SA Objective	Option 1: Northern Focus					
	Decision making criteria	Time-frame			Nature of effect; Comments	Justification; cumulative effects / mitigation measures
		ST	MT	LT		
SOCIAL						
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Will it make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Will it improve neighbourhood quality? • Will it ensure that there is adequate open space and support Green Infrastructure?	+/-	+/-	+/-	Development of the sites comprising the "northern focus" include sites both within and outside the existing settlement boundary. The option could enable the delivery of a new school, and this is likely to result in positive effects on this objective. However sites CH002A, CH002B, CH006, CH009, CH024 and CH129 are within 100m of Cecilly Brook LNR or Hales Hall Pool LNR; sites CH73B and CH081 are within 200m of Cecilly Brook LNR	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Community cohesion and local environmental quality are dependent on the design and tenure mix, as well as the location of new development. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that good standards of amenity and open space and Green Infrastructure are delivered as part of new housing development.

SA Objective	Option 1: Northern Focus					
	Decision making criteria	Time-frame			Nature of effect; Comments	Justification; cumulative effects / mitigation measures
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	• Will it minimise light and noise pollution? • Will it ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?				and Hales Hall Pool LNR respectively and it is considered that this is likely to result in a negative effect arising from the potential for adverse impacts on the District's GI network. Overall the assessment against this objective is considered to be mixed and uncertain as in addition it will be partly dependent on the implementation of Local Plan policies.	
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Will it remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Will it help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	+	++	++	This option could enable the delivery of new development in good proximity to a wide range of services and facilities. Sites CH009, CH013 and CH015 are within 400m of the town centre; sites CH001, CH002A, CH002B, CH006, CH020, CH024 and CH073B are within 800m of the centre. Sites CH004 and CH129 are within 1,200m of the town centre. Of this option, only sites CH080, CH081 and CH132 are more than 1,200m from the centre. This is likely to result in very positive effects on improving access to jobs, services and facilities which could be expected to contribute to the advancement of equality of opportunity.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Equality of opportunity for all persons will be improved by any measure that has the effect of improving overall accessibility to jobs, services and facilities. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to help ensure that the needs of all members of the community can be addressed by helping to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Will it improve health or access to health facilities? • Will it promote healthy lifestyles? • Will it reduce health inequalities? • Will it provide opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational	+	+	++	This option could enable the delivery of new development in proximity to a range of healthcare facilities (eg within 1,200m from a GP surgery and open space). Development on the edge of settlement may offer opportunities to enable improved recreational access to the countryside. Overall this option has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective in the medium and long term.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Delivering new homes in proximity to existing healthcare services and open space will have a positive effect on health. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that new developments deliver opportunities to increase take up of sustainable transport choices and improvements to healthy travel

SA Objective	Option 1: Northern Focus					
	Decision making criteria	Time-frame			Nature of effect; Comments	Justification; cumulative effects / mitigation measures
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	activities including access to the countryside?					networks, including increased opportunities for access to the countryside.
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Will it reduce actual levels of crime? • Will it reduce fear of crime?	?	?	?	There is uncertainty as to the nature of effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the implementation of Local Plan policies.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Good design will help minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that new developments are well designed, creating safe places and reducing opportunities for anti-social behaviour.
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Will it provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Will it enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Will it ensure that people can afford their housing?	+	++	++	The sites comprising the northern focus option are a range of sizes, four are large enough to yield over 100 homes each, a further three are each expected to yield 50 or more homes. This could be expected to help enable the delivery of a range of types and tenures, making a significant contribution to meeting the needs of the whole community. This option has been assessed as having a very positive effect on this objective in the medium and long term.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Larger sites offer the most potential to deliver a range of types and tenures of new homes. **Mitigation measures**: Wider initiatives of the Council should be supported to help deliver additional affordable homes.
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Will it minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Will it support the use of public transport? • Will it support safe walking and cycling? • Will it protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	+	+	++	All the sites comprising this option could deliver development within 500m of a bus stop and this is likely to result in a positive effect from supporting the use of public transport. Ten of the fifteen sites making up the option are within the settlement boundary and all but one (CH004) are within 800m of the town centre, this could be expected to support the delivery of new development in close proximity to a wide range of services and facilities, helping to support the use of walking and cycling. Five sites are outside the existing	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Development delivered close to existing services and facilities will help to reduce the number of journeys made by car. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that developments support safe walking and cycling and improve access to the natural environment.

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					settlement boundary, two within 1,200m of the centre and three sites (CH080, CH081 and CH132) over 1,200m from the centre and its services and facilities. Overall this option has been assessed as having a long term positive effect on this objective.	
ENVIRONMENTAL						
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Will it reduce emissions of greenhouse gases particularly CO_2? • Will it increase energy efficiency? • Will it increase the use of renewable energy? • Will it ensure new development is in accessible locations in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	-	-	-	Development of the sites comprising this option could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. All the sites comprising this option could deliver development within 500m of a bus stop. Ten of the fifteen sites making up the option are within the settlement boundary and all but one of these are within 800m of the town centre, this could be expected to support the delivery of new development in close proximity to a wide range of services and facilities, helping to support the use of walking and cycling. Five sites are outside the existing settlement boundary, two within 1,200m of the centre and three sites (CH080, CH081 and CH132) over 1,200m from the centre and its services and facilities. Whilst this may help to reduce the need to travel by car, overall this option has been assessed as having a negative effect on this objective.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Even if individual properties are built to high environmental performance standards and delivered in sustainable locations, the total increase in number of dwellings and car journeys is likely to increase energy use and associated greenhouse gas emissions. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that high environmental design standards are supported and that developments are brought forward in accessible locations that support the use of sustainable forms of transport.
8. To improve air quality.	• Will it minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Will it maximise the removal of air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	-	-	--	This option includes site CH015 which is an edge of town centre site within100m of a candidate Air Quality Management Area. This	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: The main areas identified in the District as being of poor air quality are the Cellarhead junction (between the A52 and A520); Ball

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					option has been assessed as having a negative effect on this objective.	Haye Street, Leek (a primary link road from Leek A53 to the A523 Macclesfield and Buxton Road) and Broad Street, Leek (a primary link road from Stoke on Trent)(1). The increase in number of dwellings and car journeys across Cheadle is likely to increase emission of airborne pollutants. There is a risk that air quality may deteriorate in areas of existing low quality. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that developments include appropriate landscaping to aid removal of air pollutants and provide support for the Cheadle Transport Package(2).
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Is new development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Will it reduce risk of flooding eg by encouraging the integration of mitigation measures such as SuDS into new development? • Will it protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Will it encourage water efficiency and demand management?	--	--	--	This option includes sites CH002a, CH006, CH020, CH080, CH081 and CH132 all of which are partly located within a flood zone 3 area. It can be considered that this option is likely to result in the development of sites subject to risk from flooding. Development of sites could be expected to lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage. Mitigation measures are possible however. Overall this option has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this objective.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Development will be permitted only where schemes meet development plan requirements for management of flood risk. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that new developments are directed towards areas of least flood risk and incorporate SuDS wherever possible.

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	Decision making criteria	Time-frame			Nature of effect; Comments	Justification; cumulative effects / mitigation measures
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10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Will it protect and promote effective management of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance? • Will it help contribute to Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Will it help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	--	--	--	This option includes sites CH002a and CH024 which border Cecilly Brook Local Nature Reserve, one of the most important sites for water voles in Staffordshire (water voles are a protected species). In addition sites CH002b, CH006 and CH009 are within 100m of the Reserve. CH129 is within 100m of Hales Hall Pool LNR. Sites CH073b and CH081 are within 200m of one of these Reserves. There is potential for development to result in disturbance of habitats, either singly or in combination with other sites. A number of these sites have the potential to support protected species(3) due to the proximity of the mosaic of stream habitats and presence of species rich hedgerows. Overall this option has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this objective.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Policies in the Local Plan will provide protection for biodiversity and for sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, but the cumulative impact of the development of a number of sites which border, or are in close proximity to, a Local Nature Reserve pose risks of disturbance that could not be reasonably mitigated. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure impacts on biodiversity are minimised and proposals provide net gains in biodiversity where possible.
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Will it safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Will it minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Will it reduce land contamination / instability? • Will it reduce the amount of derelict land? • Will it protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	--	--	--	This option includes sites CH001, CH002A,CH002B, CH004, CH006, CH009, CH024, CH073B, CH080, CH081 CH129 and CH132 that are assessed as Agricultural Land Classification (ALC)Grade 3 land, so the proposal could result in the loss of best and most versatile agricultural land.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Further work is required to establish the quality of agricultural land at site specific level and the proportion of Grade 3 land classified as Grade 3a. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure protection and enhancement of geologically important sites.
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Will it reduce waste generation?	?	?	?	There is uncertainty as to the nature of effect and level of significance as this will be	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Policies in the Local Plan will encourage the

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	• Will it maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Will it increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?				dependent on the implementation of Local Plan policies.	re-use of existing buildings wherever possible. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support waste minimisation.
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Will it ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Will it protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	-	-	--	This option includes sites CH009, CH013, CH015, CH024, CH080 and CH081 that are assessed as sites within 400m of one or more grade II listed assets. Site CH015 is within 400m of 24 grade II listed assets; CH013 is within 400m of 38 grade II listed assets and one grade 1 listed asset. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that this option could lead to the deterioration of the setting of designated heritage assets. This option has been assessed as having an overall negative effect on this objective although the exact nature of effects are uncertain.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Policies in the Local Plan will provide protection for heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings. However options that include a number of sites in close proximity to designated heritage assets increases the risk of development resulting in harm or loss to the significance of a designated heritage asset that could not be reasonably mitigated. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support protection and enhancement for the character of towns / villages; heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Will it protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Will it promote development on brownfield land? • Will it safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment	-	-	--	This option includes a number of greenfield sites outside the current development boundary: CH073B, CH080, CH081, CH129 and CH132 that are assessed as having potential for effects on landscape character if developed, although the exact nature of effects are uncertain as they are dependent on proposal specific information. It should be noted that none of the above sites fall within the area identified as "important landscape setting to settlement"[(4)]. Overall this option has been assessed as having a negative effect on this objective.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Policies in the Local Plan will provide protection for landscape character and natural assets. However options that include a number of sites that contribute to the current landscape setting to the settlement increases the risk of resulting in an adverse effect on the character of landscapes, including historic landscapes, that could not be reasonably mitigated. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support protection and enhancement of the character

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	identified in the NCA profiles?					and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Will it support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Does it help support tourism and the visitor economy?	+	+	+	This option envisages locating the focus of growth to the north of the town. Delivery of a new school in the north of Cheadle could be expected to ease some pressure on peak time journeys to school that are currently concentrated in the south west of the town and this may help support opportunities for investment in culture and tourism that could result in positive effects on the local economy.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Proposals that have a positive effect on the town centre are likely to result in support for tourism and the visitor economy. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support tourism and the visitor economy.
ECONOMIC						
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Will it safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Will it safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	+	+	+	The majority of sites comprising this option are located within 1,200m of the town centre and the wide range of key services and facilities that can be found here. Sites CH080, CH081 and CH132 are more than 1,200m away from the town centre which could result in existing services and facilities being inaccessible for new residents of developments here. Overall the proposal has been assessed as having a minor positive effect on this objective.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Development of residential sites with good access to the town centre is likely to result in a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Cheadle as residents of new developments could be expected to support their local retail, leisure and service provision. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support town and village centres.
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Will it provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Will it provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or	0	0	0	Developments of the sites comprising this option could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. This proposal has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this objective.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: A local labour supply will help to deliver economic growth across the plan area. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support sustainable economic growth.

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	minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?					
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Will it meet the employment needs of local people? • Will it increase economic activity levels? • Will it improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Will it support higher income levels for local residents?	+	+	+	The proposal could facilitate residential development within 30 minutes travel time of existing employment provision. This proposal has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Ensuring a sufficient supply of homes within easy access of employment is a central element of an efficiently functioning economy. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support sustainable economic growth.

Summary of significant effects:

Sites comprising the option "northern focus" are located both within and outside the existing settlement boundary. The sites are a range of sizes, four are large enough to yield over 100 homes each, a further three are each expected to yield 50 or more homes. This could be expected to help enable the delivery of a range of types and tenures, making a significant contribution to meeting the housing needs of the whole community. A further positive effect of the option is the opportunity it provides for the delivery of a new school. A new school in the north of Cheadle could be expected to ease some pressure on peak time journeys to the existing schools that are concentrated in the south west of the town. This is likely to result in positive effects on the town centre and may help support opportunities for investment in culture and tourism with positive effects on the local economy. All the sites comprising this option could deliver development within 500m of a bus stop and all but three sites are within 1,200m of the town centre with its wide range of key services and facilities. This is likely to result in positive effects on: improving access to jobs, services and facilities (which in turn is likely to advance equality of opportunity), improving access to health care, helping to safeguard the vitality and viability of the town centre, providing support for walking and cycling and reducing the need to travel by car. However sites CH080, CH081 and CH132 are more than 1,200m away from the town centre, so this option could result in existing services and facilities being inaccessible for residents of some new developments. There is potential for the cumulative impacts of development to result in the disturbance of habitats (and their connectedness) and of protected species that could not be reasonably mitigated. The option includes sites CH002a and CH024 which border Cecilly Brook Local Nature Reserve (LNR), one of the most important sites for water voles (a protected species) in Staffordshire. In addition, sites CH002b, CH006 and CH009 are within 100m of the Reserve. CH129 is within 100m of Hales Hall Pool LNR. Sites CH073b and CH081 are within 200m of one of these Local Nature Reserves. This option is also likely to result in the development of sites subject to risk from flooding, the option includes sites CH002a, CH006, CH020, CH080, CH081 and CH132 all of which are partly located within a flood zone 3 area. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that the cumulative impact of development under this option may result in harm or loss to the significance of designated heritage assets. Sites CH009, CH013, CH015, CH024, CH080 and CH081 are within 400m of one or more grade II listed assets. Site CH015 is within 400m of 24 grade II listed assets; CH013 is within 400m of 38 grade II listed assets and one grade 1 listed asset. Likely negative effects on landscape character have also been identified, sites

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CH073B, CH080, CH081, CH129 and CH132 are all greenfield sites outside the current development boundary, however none are within the area identified as "important landscape setting to settlement". The option has also been assessed as likely to result in minor negative effects in relation to loss of best and most versatile agricultural land, air quality and greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption arising from construction and occupation of new developments.						

Table 18.1 Assessment Table for Option 1: Northern Focus

1. 2014 Air Quality Progress Report for Staffordshire Moorlands District Council In fulfillment of Part IV of the Environment Act 1995 Local Air Quality Management; SMDC; November 2014
2. Staffordshire Moorlands District Integrated Transport Study 2013-2031; Staffordshire County Council; November 2013
3. Extended phase 1 Habitat Survey for Staffordshire Moorlands District Council; Lockwood Hall Associates Ltd; 2015
4. Landscape Character Assessment of Staffordshire Moorlands; Wardell Armstrong; 2010

Option 2: South-Western focus

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	Decision making criteria	Time-frame			Nature of effect; Comments	Justification; cumulative effects / mitigation measures
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SOCIAL						
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Will it make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Will it improve neighbourhood quality? • Will it ensure that there is adequate open space and support Green Infrastructure?	+/-	+/-	+/-	Development of the sites comprising the "south-western focus" include sites both within and outside the existing settlement boundary. The option could help support the delivery of a southern link road between A522 Tean Road and A521 Delphouse Road, which could result in positive effects on this objective. However sites CH002A, CH002B, CH006, CH009 and CH024 are within 100m of Cecilly Brook LNR and it is considered that this is likely to result in a negative effect arising from the potential for	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Community cohesion and local environmental quality are dependent on the design and tenure mix, as well as the location of new development. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that good standards of amenity and open space and Green Infrastructure are delivered as part of new housing development.

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	• Will it minimise light and noise pollution? • Will it ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?				adverse impacts on the District's GI network. Overall the assessment against this objective is considered to be mixed and uncertain as in addition it will be partly dependent on the implementation of Local Plan policies.	
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Will it remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Will it help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	+	++	++	This option could enable the delivery of new development in good proximity to a wide range of services and facilities. Sites CH009, CH013 and CH015 are within 400m of the town centre; sites CH001, CH002A, CH002B, CH006, CH020 and CH024 are within 800m of the centre. Sites CH004 and sites CH085A, B, C and D are within 1,200m of the town centre. Of this option, only sites CH093 and CH128 are more than 1,200m from the centre. This is likely to result in very positive effects on improving access to jobs, services and facilities which could be expected to contribute to the advancement of equality of opportunity.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Equality of opportunity for all persons will be improved by any measure that has the effect of improving overall accessibility to jobs, services and facilities. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to help ensure that the needs of all members of the community can be addressed by helping to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Will it improve health or access to health facilities? • Will it promote healthy lifestyles? • Will it reduce health inequalities? • Will it provide opportunities to participate in leisure and	+	+	++	This option could enable the delivery of new development in proximity to a range of healthcare facilities (eg within 1,200m from a GP surgery and open space). Development on the edge of settlement may offer opportunities to enable improved recreational access to the countryside. Overall this option has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective in the medium and long term.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Delivering new homes in proximity to existing healthcare services and open space will have a positive effect on health. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that new developments deliver opportunities to increase take up of sustainable transport choices and improvements to healthy travel networks,

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	recreational activities including access to the countryside?					including increased opportunities for access to the countryside.
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Will it reduce actual levels of crime? • Will it reduce fear of crime?	?	?	?	There is uncertainty as to the nature of effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the implementation of Local Plan policies.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Good design will help minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that new developments are well designed, creating safe places and reducing opportunities for anti-social behaviour.
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Will it provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Will it enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Will it ensure that people can afford their housing?	+	++	++	The sites comprising the south-western focus option are a range of sizes, five are large enough to yield over 100 homes each, a further two are expected to yield 50 or more homes. This could be expected to help enable the delivery of a range of types and tenures, making a significant contribution to meeting the needs of the whole community. This option has been assessed as having a very positive effect on this objective in the medium and long term.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Larger sites offer the most potential to deliver a range of types and tenures of new homes. **Mitigation measures**: Wider initiatives of the Council should be supported to help deliver additional affordable homes.
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Will it minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Will it support the use of public transport? • Will it support safe walking and cycling? • Will it protect and improve access to the natural environment and	+	+	++	All the sites comprising this option could deliver development within 500m of a bus stop and this is likely to result in a positive effect from supporting the use of public transport. Ten of the sixteen sites making up the option are within the settlement boundary (and all but one within 800m from the town centre) which could be expected to support the delivery of new development in close proximity to a wide range of services and facilities, helping to support the use of walking and cycling. Six sites are outside the existing	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Development delivered close to existing services and facilities will help to reduce the number of journeys made by car. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that developments support safe walking and cycling and improve access to the natural environment.

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	support Green Infrastructure?				settlement boundary, four of these within 1,200m of services and facilities and two - CH093 and CH128 - more than 1,200m. Overall this option has been assessed as having a long term positive effect on this objective.	
ENVIRONMENTAL						
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Will it reduce emissions of greenhouse gases particularly CO_2? • Will it increase energy efficiency? • Will it increase the use of renewable energy? • Will it ensure new development is in accessible locations in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	-	-	-	Development of the sites comprising this option could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. All of the sites comprising this option could deliver development within 500m of a bus stop. Ten of the sixteen sites making up the option are within the settlement boundary (and all but one of these within 800m from the town centre) which could be expected to support the delivery of new development in close proximity to a wide range of services and facilities, helping to support the use of walking and cycling. Six sites are outside the existing settlement boundary, four of these within 1,200m of services and facilities and two - CH093 and CH128 - more than 1,200m. Whilst this may help reduce the need to travel by car, overall this option has been assessed as having a negative effect on this objective.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Even if individual properties are built to high environmental performance standards and delivered in sustainable locations, the total increase in number of dwellings and car journeys is likely to increase energy use and associated greenhouse gas emissions. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that high environmental design standards are supported and that developments are brought forward in accessible locations that support the use of sustainable forms of transport.
8. To improve air quality.	• Will it minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Will it maximise the removal of air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	-	-	--	This option includes site CH015 which is an edge of town centre site within100m of a candidate Air Quality Management Area. This option has been assessed as having a negative effect on this objective.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: The main areas identified in the District as being of poor air quality are the Cellarhead junction (between the A52 and A520); Ball Haye Street, Leek (a primary link road from Leek A53 to the A523 Macclesfield and Buxton Road) and Broad Street, Leek (a

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						primary link road from Stoke on Trent)[1]. The increase in number of dwellings and car journeys across Cheadle is likely to increase emission of airborne pollutants. There is a risk that air quality may deteriorate in areas of existing low quality. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that developments include appropriate landscaping to aid removal of air pollutants and provide support for the Cheadle Transport Package[2].
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Is new development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Will it reduce risk of flooding eg by encouraging the integration of mitigation measures such as SuDS into new development? • Will it protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Will it encourage water efficiency and demand management?	-	--	--	This option includes sites CH002A, CH006, CH020 and CH85B all of which are partly located within a flood zone 3 area. Also sites CH085A and CH093 that are partly within flood zone 2. It can be considered that this option is likely to result in the development of sites subject to risk from flooding. Development of sites could be expected to lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage. Mitigation measures are possible however. Overall this option has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this objective.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Development will be permitted only where schemes meet development plan requirements for management of flood risk. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that new developments are directed towards areas of least flood risk and incorporate SuDS wherever possible.
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test	• Will it protect and promote effective management of the district's sites of	-	--	--	This option includes sites CH002A and CH024 which border Cecilly Brook Local Nature Reserve, one of the most important sites for water voles in Staffordshire (water voles are a	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Policies in the Local Plan will provide protection for biodiversity and for sites of

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the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	ecological and nature conservation importance? ● Will it help contribute to Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? ● Will it help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?				protected species). In addition sites CH002b, CH006 and CH009 are within 100m of the Reserve. There is potential for development to result in disturbance of habitats, either singly or in combination with other sites. A number of these sites have the potential to support protected species[3] due to the proximity of the mosaic of stream habitats and presence of species rich hedgerows. Overall this option has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this objective.	ecological and nature conservation importance, but the cumulative impact of the development of a number of sites which border, or are in close proximity to, a Local Nature Reserve pose risks of disturbance that could not be reasonably mitigated. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure impacts on biodiversity are minimised and proposals provide net gains in biodiversity where possible.
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	● Will it safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? ● Will it minimise the loss of greenfield land? ● Will it reduce land contamination / instability? ● Will it reduce the amount of derelict land? ● Will it protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	--	--	--	This option includes sites CH001, CH002A, CH002B, CH004, CH006, CH009, CH024, CH085A, B, C and D, CH093 and CH128 that are assessed as Agricultural Land Classification (ALC) Grade 3 land, so the proposal could result in the loss of best and most versatile agricultural land.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Further work is required to establish the quality of agricultural land at site specific level and the proportion of Grade 3 land classified as Grade 3a. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure protection and enhancement of geologically important sites.
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	● Will it reduce waste generation? ● Will it maximise the re-use of existing buildings? ● Will it increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	?	?	?	There is uncertainty as to the nature of effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the implementation of Local Plan policies.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Policies in the Local Plan will encourage the re-use of existing buildings wherever possible. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support waste minimisation.

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13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Will it ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Will it protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	-	-	--	This option includes sites CH009, CH013, CH015, CH024, CH085C, CH085D, CH093 and CH128 that are assessed as sites within 400m of one or more grade II listed assets. Site CH015 is within 400m of 24 grade II listed assets; CH013 is within 400m of 38 grade II listed assets and one grade 1 listed asset. Dependent on proposal specific information, this option could lead to the deterioration of the setting of designated heritage assets. This option has been assessed as having an overall negative effect on this objective although the exact nature of effects are uncertain.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Policies in the Local Plan will provide protection for heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings. However options that include a number of sites in close proximity to designated heritage assets increases the risk that the cumulative impact of development may result in harm or loss to the significance of designated heritage assets that could not be reasonably mitigated. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support protection and enhancement for the character of towns / villages; heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Will it protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Will it promote development on brownfield land? • Will it safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	-	-	--	This option includes a number of greenfield sites outside the current development boundary: CH085A, B, C and D, CH093 and CH128 that are assessed as having potential for effects on landscape character if developed, although the exact nature of effects are uncertain as they are dependent on proposal specific information. It should be noted that none of the above sites fall within the area identified as "important landscape setting to settlement"[4]. The overall impact of development of site CH093 on the purposes of the Green Belt was assessed as moderate and of site CH128 as limited[5]; with the report recommendation that the Council consider both sites for Green Belt release under exceptional circumstances. Overall this option has been assessed as having a negative effect on this objective.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Policies in the Local Plan will provide protection for landscape character and natural assets. However options that include a number of sites that contribute to the current landscape setting to the settlement increases the risk of resulting in an adverse effect on the character of landscapes, including historic landscapes, that could not be reasonably mitigated. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support protection and enhancement of the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.

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15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Will it support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Does it help support tourism and the visitor economy?	0	0	-	This option envisages locating the focus of growth to the south west of the town, close to existing school sites. If this resulted in more journeys to school being made on foot, this could lead to positive effects. However if additional journeys to key sites such as schools are principally made by car, focusing development around the existing cluster of schools may exacerbate congestion at peak times due to the concentration of journeys to school into one area of the town. This may have a neutral or long-term negative effect on the further development of sustainable tourism and local distinctiveness.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Proposals that have a positive effect on the town centre are likely to result in support for tourism and the visitor economy. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support tourism and the visitor economy.
ECONOMIC						
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Will it safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Will it safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	+	+	+	The County Council assessment of travelling conditions in Cheadle notes that there are significant delays along Leek Road and Froghall Road (in bound) that can be related to capacity constraints at the Leek Road / High Street / Tape Street junction between 8am and 9am[6]. However, over the majority of Cheadle's road network journey times are considered to be reliable and delays relatively modest. A further transport study[7] was commissioned to assess impacts of additional housing and employment land provision on the highway network. Whilst the study predicted that the impacts of planned new development would still enable the overall network in Cheadle to generally remain operating within capacity, a number of further actions were recommended. In addition the County Council has proposed a study to consider the potential impacts on town centre traffic levels of a southern link road between A522 Tean Road	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Development of residential sites with good access to the town centre is likely to result in a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Cheadle as residents of new developments could be expected to support their local retail, leisure and service provision. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support town and village centres.

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					and A521 Delphouse Road. Sites comprising this option may provide the opportunity to deliver a southern link road. The majority of sites comprising this option are located within 1,200m of the town centre and the wide range of key services and facilities that can be found here. Only sites CH093 and CH128 are more than 1,200m away from the town centre which could result in existing services and facilities being inaccessible for new residents of developments here. Overall the proposal has been assessed as having a minor positive effect on this objective.	
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Will it provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Will it provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	0	0	0	Developments of the sites comprising this option could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions. This proposal has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this objective.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: A local labour supply will help to deliver economic growth across the plan area. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support sustainable economic growth.
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Will it meet the employment needs of local people? • Will it increase economic activity levels? • Will it improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Will it support higher income levels for local residents?	+	+	+	The proposal could facilitate residential development within 30 minutes travel time of existing employment provision. This proposal has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Ensuring a sufficient supply of homes within easy access of employment is a central element of an efficiently functioning economy. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support sustainable economic growth.

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Summary of significant effects: Sites comprising the option "south western focus" are located both within and outside the existing settlement boundary. The sites are a range of sizes, five are large enough to yield over 100 homes each, a further two are expected to yield 50 or more homes. This could be expected to help enable the delivery of a range of types and tenures, making a significant contribution to meeting the housing needs of the whole community. A further positive effect of the option is the opportunity it provides for the delivery of a southern link road to help relieve traffic congestion in the town centre. However focusing new development where there is an existing cluster of schools may exacerbate congestion at peak times from concentrating journeys to school into one area of town. Unless the new journeys to school are mainly made on foot, this may result in negative effects on the town centre. All of the sites comprising this option could deliver development within 500m of a bus stop and all but two are within 1,200m of the town centre with its wide range of key services and facilities. This is likely to result in positive effects on: improving access to jobs, services and facilities (which in turn is likely to advance equality of opportunity), improving access to health care, helping to safeguard the vitality and viability of the town centre, providing support for walking and cycling and reducing the need to travel by car. However sites CH093 and CH128 are more than 1,200m away from the town centre, so this option could result in existing services and facilities being inaccessible for residents of some new developments. There is potential for the cumulative impacts of development to result in the disturbance of habitats (and their connectedness) and of protected species that could not be reasonably mitigated. The option includes sites CH002A and CH024 which border Cecilly Brook Local Nature Reserve, one of the most important sites for water voles (a protected species) in Staffordshire. In addition, sites CH002B, CH006 and CH009 are within 100m of the Reserve. This option is also likely to result in the development of sites subject to risk from flooding, the option includes sites CH002A, CH006, CH020 and CH085B all of which are partly located within a flood zone 3 area; and sites CH085A and CH093 that are partly within flood zone 2. Dependent on proposal specific information, the cumulative impact of development under this option may result in harm or loss to the significance of designated heritage assets. Sites CH009, CH013, CH015, CH024, CH085C, CH085D, CH093 and CH128 are within 400m of one or more grade II listed assets. Site CH015 is within 400m of 24 grade II listed assets; CH013 is within 400m of 38 grade II listed assets and one grade 1 listed asset. Likely negative effects on landscape character have also been identified; sites CH085A, B, C and D, CH093 and CH128 are all greenfield sites outside the current development boundary, however none are within the area identified as "important landscape setting to settlement". Sites CH093 and CH128 have been recommended as appropriate to consider for release from the Green Belt under exceptional circumstances. The option has also been assessed as likely to result in minor negative effects in relation to loss of best and most versatile agricultural land, air quality and greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption arising from construction and occupation of new developments.					

Table 18.2 Assessment Table for Option 2: South-Western Focus

1. 2014 Air Quality Progress Report for Staffordshire Moorlands District Council In fulfillment of Part IV of the Environment Act 1995 Local Air Quality Management; SMDC; November 2014
2. Staffordshire Moorlands District Integrated Transport Study 2013-2031; Staffordshire County Council; November 2013
3. Extended phase 1 Habitat Survey for Staffordshire Moorlands District Council; Lockwood Hall Associates Ltd; 2015
4. Landscape Character Assessment of Staffordshire Moorlands; Wardell Armstrong; 2010
5. Green Belt Review Study; Amec Foster Wheeler; November 2015
6. Staffordshire Moorlands District Integrated Transport Study 2013-2031; Staffordshire County Council; November 2013
7. Transport Study Report: Cheadle Town Centre; Staffordshire County Council; November 2015

Option 3: Scattered approach

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SOCIAL						
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Will it make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Will it improve neighbourhood quality? • Will it ensure that there is adequate open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Will it minimise light and noise pollution? • Will it ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	+/-	+/-	+/-	Development of the sites comprising the "scattered approach" include sites both within and outside the existing settlement boundary. Through the inclusion of site CH132, the option could enable the delivery of a new school and this is likely to result in positive effects on this objective. However sites CH002A, CH002B, CH006, CH009 and CH024 are within 100m of Cecilly Brook LNR and it is considered that this is likely to result in a negative effect arising from the potential for adverse impacts on the District's GI network. Overall the assessment against this objective is considered to be mixed and uncertain as in addition it will be partly dependent on the implementation of Local Plan policies.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Community cohesion and local environmental quality are dependent on the design and tenure mix, as well as the location of new development. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that good standards of amenity and open space and Green Infrastructure are delivered as part of new housing development.
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Will it remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Will it help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and	+	++	++	This option could enable the delivery of new development in good proximity to a wide range of services and facilities. Sites CH009, CH013 and CH015 are within 400m of the town centre; sites CH001, CH002A, CH002B, CH006, CH020 and CH024 are within 800m of the centre. Sites CH004, CH075A, B and C, 85A and 85D are within 1,200m of the town centre. Of this option, only sites CH081, CH128 and CH132 are more than 1,200m from the centre. This is likely to result in very positive effects on improving access to jobs, services and facilities which could be	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Equality of opportunity for all persons will be improved by any measure that has the effect of improving overall accessibility to jobs, services and facilities. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to help ensure that the needs of all members of the community can be addressed by helping to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.

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	other key services and facilities.				expected to contribute to the advancement of equality of opportunity.	
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Will it improve health or access to health facilities? • Will it promote healthy lifestyles? • Will it reduce health inequalities? • Will it provide opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	+	+	++	This option could enable the delivery of new development in proximity to a range of healthcare facilities (eg within 1,200m from a GP surgery and open space). Development on the edge of settlement may offer opportunities to enable improved recreational access to the countryside. Overall this option has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective in the medium and long term.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Delivering new homes in proximity to existing healthcare services and open space will have a positive effect on health. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that new developments deliver opportunities to increase take up of sustainable transport choices and improvements to healthy travel networks, including increased opportunities for access to the countryside.
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Will it reduce actual levels of crime? • Will it reduce fear of crime?	?	?	?	There is uncertainty as to the nature of effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the implementation of Local Plan policies.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Good design will help minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that new developments are well designed, creating safe places and reducing opportunities for anti-social behaviour.
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Will it provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Will it enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Will it ensure that people can afford their housing?	+	++	++	The sites comprising the scattered approach option are a range of sizes, three are large enough to yield over 100 homes each, a further six are each expected to yield 50 or more homes. This could be expected to help enable the delivery of a range of types and tenures, making a significant contribution to meeting the needs of the whole community. This option has been assessed as having a very positive effect on this objective in the medium and long term.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Larger sites offer the most potential to deliver a range of types and tenures of new homes. **Mitigation measures**: Wider initiatives of the Council should be supported to help deliver additional affordable homes.

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6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Will it minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Will it support the use of public transport? • Will it support safe walking and cycling? • Will it protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	+	+	++	All the sites comprising this option could deliver development within 500m of a bus stop and this is likely to result in a positive effect from supporting the use of public transport. Ten of the eighteen sites making up the option are within the settlement boundary (and all but one within 800m from the town centre) which could be expected to support the delivery of new development in close proximity to a wide range of services and facilities, helping to support the use of walking and cycling. Eight sites are outside the existing settlement boundary, five of these are within 1,200m of services and facilities and three - CH081, CH128 and CH132 - more than 1,200m. Overall this option has been assessed as having a long term positive effect on this objective.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Development delivered close to existing services and facilities will help to reduce the number of journeys made by car. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that developments support safe walking and cycling and improve access to the natural environment.
ENVIRONMENTAL						
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Will it reduce emissions of greenhouse gases particularly CO_2? • Will it increase energy efficiency? • Will it increase the use of renewable energy? • Will it ensure new development is in accessible locations in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	-	-	-	Development of the sites comprising this option could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. All of the sites comprising this option could deliver development within 500m of a bus stop. Ten of the eighteen sites making up the option are within the settlement boundary (and all but one of these within 800m from the town centre) which could be expected to support the delivery of new development in close proximity to a wide range of services and facilities, helping to support the use of walking and cycling. Eight sites are outside the existing settlement boundary, five of these within 1,200m of	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Even if individual properties are built to high environmental performance standards and delivered in sustainable locations, the total increase in number of dwellings and car journeys is likely to increase energy use and associated greenhouse gas emissions. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that high environmental design standards are supported and that developments are brought forward in accessible locations that support the use of sustainable forms of transport.

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					services and facilities and three - CH081, CH128 and CH132 - more than 1,200m. Whilst this may help reduce the need to travel by car, overall this option has been assessed as having a negative effect on this objective.	
8. To improve air quality.	• Will it minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Will it maximise the removal of air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	-	-	--	This option includes site CH015 which is an edge of town centre site within100m of a candidate Air Quality Management Area. This option has been assessed as having a negative effect on this objective.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: The main areas identified in the District as being of poor air quality are the Cellarhead junction (between the A52 and A520); Ball Haye Street, Leek (a primary link road from Leek A53 to the A523 Macclesfield and Buxton Road) and Broad Street, Leek (a primary link road from Stoke on Trent)**(1)**. The increase in number of dwellings and car journeys across Cheadle is likely to increase emission of airborne pollutants. There is a risk that air quality may deteriorate in areas of existing low quality. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that developments include appropriate landscaping to aid removal of air pollutants and provide support for the Cheadle Transport Package**(2)**.
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Is new development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Will it reduce risk of flooding eg by encouraging the integration of mitigation measures such as SuDS into new development? • Will it protect, maintain and improve the quality of water	-	--	--	This option includes sites CH002A, CH006, CH020, CH081 and CH132 all of which are partly located within a flood zone 3 area. Also site CH085A is partly within flood zone 2. It can be considered that this option is likely to result in the development of sites subject to risk from flooding. Development of sites could be expected to lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage. Mitigation measures are possible however. Overall this option has been	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Development will be permitted only where schemes meet development plan requirements for management of flood risk. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that new developments are directed towards areas of least flood risk and incorporate SuDS wherever possible.

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	resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Will it encourage water efficiency and demand management?				assessed as having a significant negative effect on this objective.	
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Will it protect and promote effective management of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance? • Will it help contribute to Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Will it help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	-	--	--	This option includes sites CH002A and CH024 which border Cecilly Brook Local Nature Reserve, one of the most important sites for water voles in Staffordshire (water voles are a protected species). In addition sites CH002B, CH006 and CH009 are within 100m of the Reserve and sites CH075A, B and C are within 200-400m. There is potential for development to result in disturbance of habitats, either singly or in combination with other sites. A number of these sites have the potential to support protected species[(3)] due to the proximity of the mosaic of stream habitats and presence of species rich hedgerows. Overall this option has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this objective.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Policies in the Local Plan will provide protection for biodiversity and for sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, but the cumulative impact of the development of a number of sites which border, or are in close proximity to, a Local Nature Reserve pose risks of disturbance that could not be reasonably mitigated. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure impacts on biodiversity are minimised and proposals provide net gains in biodiversity where possible.
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Will it safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Will it minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Will it reduce land contamination / instability?	--	--	--	This option includes sites CH001, CH002A, CH002B, CH004, CH006, CH009, CH024, CH075A, B and C, CH081, CH085A and D, CH128 and CH132 that are assessed as Agricultural Land Classification (ALC) Grade 3 land, so the proposal could result in the loss of best and most versatile agricultural land.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Further work is required to establish the quality of agricultural land at site specific level and the proportion of Grade 3 land classified as Grade 3a. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure protection and enhancement of geologically important sites.

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	• Will it reduce the amount of derelict land? • Will it protect notable geological and geomorphological features?					
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Will it reduce waste generation? • Will it maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Will it increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	?	?	?	There is uncertainty as to the nature of effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the implementation of Local Plan policies.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Policies in the Local Plan will encourage the re-use of existing buildings wherever possible. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support waste minimisation.
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Will it ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Will it protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	-	-	--	This option includes sites CH009, CH013, CH015, CH024, CH075C, CH081, CH085D and CH128 that are assessed as sites within 400m of one or more grade II listed assets. Site CH015 is within 400m of 24 grade II listed assets; CH013 is within 400m of 38 grade II listed assets and one grade 1 listed asset. Dependent on proposal specific information, this option could lead to the deterioration of the setting of designated heritage assets. This option has been assessed as having an overall negative effect on this objective although the exact nature of effects are uncertain.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Policies in the Local Plan will provide protection for heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings. However options that include a number of sites in close proximity to designated heritage assets increases the risk that the cumulative impact of development may result in harm or loss to the significance of designated heritage assets that could not be reasonably mitigated. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support protection and enhancement for the character of towns / villages; heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and	• Will it protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness?	--	--	--	This option includes a number of greenfield sites outside the current development boundary: CH075A, B and C, CH081, CH085A and D, CH128 and CH132 that are	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Policies in the Local Plan will provide protection for

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other natural assets and resources.	• Will it promote development on brownfield land? • Will it safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?				assessed as having potential for effects on landscape character if developed, although the exact nature of effects are uncertain as they are dependent on proposal specific information. Sites CH075A, B and C lie in the area identified as "important landscape setting to settlement"(4); and are described as small scale landscape with strong vegetation to field boundaries. The overall impact of development of site CH128 on the purposes of the Green Belt was assessed as limited(5); with the report recommendation that the Council consider this site for Green Belt release under exceptional circumstances. Overall this option has been assessed as having a negative effect on this objective.	landscape character and natural assets. However options that include a number of sites that contribute to the current landscape setting to the settlement increases the risk of resulting in an adverse effect on the character of landscapes, including historic landscapes, that could not be reasonably mitigated. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support protection and enhancement of the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Will it support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Does it help support tourism and the visitor economy?	0	0	-	This option envisages small scale extensions to the periphery of the town. The option includes site CH132 which may help to deliver a new school to the north and this could be expected to ease some pressure on peak time journeys to school currently concentrated in the south west of the town. A positive impact on the town centre may help to support opportunities for investment in the visitor economy. However the option also includes sites comprising a small scale extension to the south west that may contribute to "school-run" congestion in this part of the town. Unlike the south-west focus option, the scattered approach may not deliver the necessary sites to enable a potential link road. Overall this option has been assessed as having a neutral or long-term negative effect on the further	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Proposals that have a positive effect on the town centre are likely to result in support for tourism and the visitor economy. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support tourism and the visitor economy.

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					development of sustainable tourism and local distinctiveness.	
ECONOMIC						
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Will it safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Will it safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	+	+	+	The County Council assessment of travelling conditions in Cheadle notes that there are significant delays along Leek Road and Froghall Road (in bound) that can be related to capacity constraints at the Leek Road / High Street / Tape Street junction between 8am and 9am[6]. However, over the majority of Cheadle's road network journey times are considered to be reliable and delays relatively modest. A further transport study[7] was commissioned to assess impacts of additional housing and employment land provision on the highway network. Whilst the study predicted that the impacts of planned new development would still enable the overall network in Cheadle to generally remain operating within capacity, a number of further actions were recommended. In addition the County Council has proposed a study to consider the potential impacts on town centre traffic levels of a southern link road between A522 Tean Road and A521 Delphouse Road. Although the option includes sites CH128 and CH085A and D, this may be insufficient development in this part of the town to provide opportunity to deliver a southern link road. The majority of sites comprising this option are located within 1,200m of the town centre and the wide range of key services and facilities that can be found here. Only sites CH081, CH128 and CH132 are more than 1,200m away from the town centre which	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Development of residential sites with good access to the town centre is likely to result in a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Cheadle as residents of new developments could be expected to support their local retail, leisure and service provision. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support town and village centres.

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					could result in existing services and facilities being inaccessible for new residents of developments here. Overall the proposal has been assessed as having a minor positive effect on this objective.	
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Will it provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Will it provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	0	0	0	Developments of the sites comprising this option could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions. This proposal has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this objective.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: A local labour supply will help to deliver economic growth across the plan area. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support sustainable economic growth.
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Will it meet the employment needs of local people? • Will it increase economic activity levels? • Will it improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Will it support higher income levels for local residents?	+	+	+	The proposal could facilitate residential development within 30 minutes travel time of existing employment provision. This proposal has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Ensuring a sufficient supply of homes within easy access of employment is a central element of an efficiently functioning economy. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support sustainable economic growth.

Summary of significant effects:

Sites comprising the option "scattered approach" are located both within and outside the existing settlement boundary. The sites are a range of sizes, three are large enough to yield over 100 homes each, a further six are each expected to yield 50 or more homes. This could be expected to help enable the delivery of a range of types and tenures, making a significant contribution to meeting the housing needs of the whole community. A further positive effect of the option is the opportunity it provides for the delivery of a new school. A new school in the north of Cheadle could be expected to ease some pressure on peak tine journeys to the existing schools that are concentrated in the south west of the town. However this option also includes some sites comprising a small scale extension to the south west, where there is an existing cluster of schools and this may contribute to "school run congeston" issues in this part of the town. All of the sites comprising this option could deliver development within 500m of a bus stop and all but three are within 1,200m of the town centre with its wide range of key services and facilities. This is likely to result in positive effects on: improving access to jobs, services and facilities (which in turn is likely to advance equality of opportunity), improving access to health care, helping to safeguard the vitality and viability of the town centre, providing support for walking and cycling and reducing the need to travel by car. However sites

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CH081, CH128 and CH132 are more than 1,200m away from the town centre, so this option could result in existing services and facilities being inaccessible for residents of some new developments. There is potential for the cumulative impacts of development to result in the disturbance of habitats (and their connectedness) and of protected species that could not be reasonably mitigated. The option includes sites CH002A and CH024 which border Cecilly Brook Local Nature Reserve, one of the most important sites for water voles (a protected species) in Staffordshire. In addition, sites CH002B, CH006 and CH009 are within 100m of the Reserve. This option is also likely to result in the development of sites subject to risk from flooding, the option includes sites CH002A, CH006, CH020, CH81 and CH132 all of which are partly located within a flood zone 3 area; and site CH085A that is partly within flood zone 2. Dependent on proposal specific information, the cumulative impact of development under this option may result in harm or loss to the significance of designated heritage assets. Sites CH009, CH013, CH015, CH024, CH075C, CH081, CH085D, and CH128 are within 400m of one or more grade II listed assets. Site CH015 is within 400m of 24 grade II listed assets; CH013 is within 400m of 38 grade II listed assets and one grade 1 listed asset. Likely negative effects on landscape character have also been identified; sites CH075A, B and C, CH081, CH085A and D, CH128 and CH132 are all greenfield sites outside the current development boundary; sites CH075A, B and C lie in the area identified as "important landscape setting to settlement, where impacts may be most significant. Site CH128 has been recommended as appropriate to consider for release from the Green Belt under exceptional circumstances. The option has also been assessed as likely to result in minor negative effects in relation to loss of best and most versatile agricultural land, air quality and greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption arising from construction and occupation of new developments.					

Table 18.3 Assessment Table for Option 3: Scattered approach

1. 2014 Air Quality Progress Report for Staffordshire Moorlands District Council In fulfillment of Part IV of the Environment Act 1995 Local Air Quality Management; SMDC; November 2014
2. Staffordshire Moorlands District Integrated Transport Study 2013-2031; Staffordshire County Council; November 2013
3. Extended phase 1 Habitat Survey for Staffordshire Moorlands District Council; Lockwood Hall Associates Ltd; 2015
4. Landscape Character Assessment of Staffordshire Moorlands; Wardell Armstrong; 2010
5. Green Belt Review Study; Amec Foster Wheeler; November 2015
6. Staffordshire Moorlands District Integrated Transport Study 2013-2031; Staffordshire County Council; November 2013
7. Transport Study Report: Cheadle Town Centre; Staffordshire County Council; November 2015

Additional option appraised July 2017

Option 4: North-South clusters with small sites scattered through town

SA Objective	Option 4: North-South clusters with small sites scattered through town					
	Decision making criteria	Time-frame			Nature of effect; Comments	Justification; cumulative effects / mitigation measures
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SOCIAL						
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Will it make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Will it improve neighbourhood quality? • Will it ensure that there is adequate open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Will it minimise light and noise pollution? • Will it ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	+/?	+/?	+/?	Development of the sites comprising a north-south focus with small sites scattered through town include sites both within and outside the existing settlement boundary. The option could help support the delivery of a southern link road between A522 Tean Road and A521 Delphouse Road, which could result in positive effects on this objective. However sites CH002A, CH002B and CH024 are within 100m of Cecilly Brook LNR and it is considered that this is likely to result in a negative effect arising from the potential for adverse impacts on the District's GI network. However this option does not include two sites (CHOO6 and CH009) which were also within 100m of the LNR which may help to reduce potential for cumulative impacts. Overall the assessment against this objective is considered to be uncertain as it will be partly dependent on the implementation of Local Plan policies.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Community cohesion and local environmental quality are dependent on the design and tenure mix, as well as the location of new development. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that good standards of amenity and open space and Green Infrastructure are delivered as part of new housing development.
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Will it remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity,	+	++	++	This option could enable the delivery of new development in good proximity to a wide range of services and facilities. Sites CH013 and CH015 are within 400m of the town centre; sites CH001, CH002A, CH002B, CH020 and CH024 are within 800m of the centre. Sites CH004 and sites CH085A, B, C and D are within 1,200m of the town centre. Of this option, only sites CH132 and CH128 are more than 1,200m from the	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Equality of opportunity for all persons will be improved by any measure that has the effect of improving overall accessibility to jobs, services and facilities. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to help ensure that the needs of all members of the community can be addressed by helping to

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	race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? ● Will it help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.				centre. This is likely to result in very positive effects on improving access to jobs, services and facilities which could be expected to contribute to the advancement of equality of opportunity.	minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	● Will it improve health or access to health facilities? ● Will it promote healthy lifestyles? ● Will it reduce health inequalities? ● Will it provide opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	0	+	++	This option could enable the delivery of new development in proximity to a range of healthcare facilities (eg within 1,200m from a GP surgery and open space). Development on the edge of settlement may offer opportunities to enable improved recreational access to the countryside. Overall this option has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective in the medium and long term.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Delivering new homes in proximity to existing healthcare services and open space will have a positive effect on health. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that new developments deliver opportunities to increase take up of sustainable transport choices and improvements to healthy travel networks, including increased opportunities for access to the countryside.
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	● Will it reduce actual levels of crime? ● Will it reduce fear of crime?	?	?	?	There is uncertainty as to the nature of effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the implementation of Local Plan policies.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Good design will help minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that new developments are well designed, creating safe places and reducing opportunities for anti-social behaviour.
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range	● Will it provide an appropriate mix of	+	++	++	The sites comprising the north-south cluster option are a range of sizes, three are large enough to yield over 100 homes each, a further	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Larger sites offer the most potential to

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of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	housing to enable all needs to be met? ● Will it enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? ● Will it ensure that people can afford their housing?				four are expected to yield 50 or more homes. This could be expected to help enable the delivery of a range of types and tenures, making a significant contribution to meeting the needs of the whole community. This option has been assessed as having a very positive effect on this objective in the medium and long term.	deliver a range of types and tenures of new homes. **Mitigation measures**: Wider initiatives of the Council should be supported to help deliver additional affordable homes.
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	● Will it minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? ● Will it support the use of public transport? ● Will it support safe walking and cycling? ● Will it protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	+	+	++	All the sites comprising this option could deliver development within 500m of a bus stop and this is likely to result in a positive effect from supporting the use of public transport. Eight of the fourteen sites making up the option are within the settlement boundary (and all but two within 800m from the town centre) which could be expected to support the delivery of new development in close proximity to a wide range of services and facilities, helping to support the use of walking and cycling. Overall this option has been assessed as having a long term positive effect on this objective.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Development delivered close to existing services and facilities will help to reduce the number of journeys made by car. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that developments support safe walking and cycling and improve access to the natural environment.
ENVIRONMENTAL						
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	● Will it reduce emissions of greenhouse gases particularly CO_2? ● Will it increase energy efficiency? ● Will it increase the use of renewable energy? ● Will it ensure new development is in accessible locations in order to reduce the need	-	-	-	Development of the sites comprising this option could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. All of the sites comprising this option could deliver development within 500m of a bus stop. Eight of the fourteen sites making up the option are within the settlement boundary (and all but two of these within 800m from the town centre) which could be expected to support the delivery of new development in close proximity to a wide range	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Even if individual properties are built to high environmental performance standards and delivered in sustainable locations, the total increase in number of dwellings and car journeys is likely to increase energy use and associated greenhouse gas emissions. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that high environmental design standards are supported and that

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	for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?				of services and facilities, helping to support the use of walking and cycling. Whilst this may help reduce the need to travel by car, overall this option has been assessed as having a negative effect on this objective.	developments are brought forward in accessible locations that support the use of sustainable forms of transport.
8. To improve air quality.	• Will it minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Will it maximise the removal of air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	-	-	--	This option includes site CH015 which is an edge of town centre site within100m of a candidate Air Quality Management Area. This option has been assessed as having a negative effect on this objective.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: The main areas identified in the District as being of poor air quality are the Cellarhead junction (between the A52 and A520); Ball Haye Street, Leek (a primary link road from Leek A53 to the A523 Macclesfield and Buxton Road) and Broad Street, Leek (a primary link road from Stoke on Trent)**(1)**. The increase in number of dwellings and car journeys across Cheadle is likely to increase emission of airborne pollutants. There is a risk that air quality may deteriorate in areas of existing low quality. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that developments include appropriate landscaping to aid removal of air pollutants and provide support for the Cheadle Transport Package**(2)**.
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Is new development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Will it reduce risk of flooding eg by encouraging the integration of mitigation measures such as SuDS into new development?	-/?	-/?	-/?	This option includes sites CH002A, CH020, CH085A and CH85B where small areas of flood zones 2 or 3 at the edge of each site have been excluded from the boundary of each proposed allocation (these areas could however form part of open space / surface water mitigation). However it can be considered that this option is likely to result in the development of sites subject to some remaining risk from flooding. Development of sites could be expected to lead	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Development will be permitted only where schemes meet development plan requirements for management of flood risk. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that new developments are directed towards areas of least flood risk and incorporate SuDS wherever possible.

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	• Will it protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Will it encourage water efficiency and demand management?				to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage. Mitigation measures are possible however. Overall this option has been assessed as having an uncertain effect on this objective.	
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Will it protect and promote effective management of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance? • Will it help contribute to Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Will it help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	-	--	--	This option includes sites CH002A and CH024 which border Cecilly Brook Local Nature Reserve, one of the most important sites for water voles in Staffordshire (water voles are a protected species). In addition site CH002B is within 100m of the Reserve. There is potential for development to result in disturbance of habitats, either singly or in combination with other sites. Sites have the potential to support protected species[3] due to the proximity of the mosaic of stream habitats and presence of species rich hedgerows. Overall this option has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this objective.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Policies in the Local Plan will provide protection for biodiversity and for sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, but the cumulative impact of the development of a number of sites which border, or are in close proximity to, a Local Nature Reserve pose risks of disturbance that could not be reasonably mitigated. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure impacts on biodiversity are minimised and proposals provide net gains in biodiversity where possible.
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Will it safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Will it minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Will it reduce land contamination / instability?	-	-	-	This option includes sites CH001, CH013, CH020, CH0132, CH085A, B, C and D and CH128 indicated on the predictive map of Best and Most Versatile (BMV) agricultural land as partly or wholly within an area where 20 - 60% of the land is likely to be BMV; whilst parts of sites CH085A, B and C are indicated on the predictive map of Best and Most Versatile agricultural land as within an area where over 60% of the land is likely to	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure protection and enhancement of geologically important sites.

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	• Will it reduce the amount of derelict land? • Will it protect notable geological and geomorphological features?				be BMV and overall this is likely to have a negative effect.	
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Will it reduce waste generation? • Will it maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Will it increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	?	?	?	There is uncertainty as to the nature of effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the implementation of Local Plan policies.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Policies in the Local Plan will encourage the re-use of existing buildings wherever possible. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support waste minimisation.
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Will it ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Will it protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	-/?	-/?	-/?	This option includes sites CH013, CH015, CH024, CH085C, CH085D and CH128 that are assessed as sites within 400m of one or more grade II listed assets. Site CH015 is within 400m of 24 grade II listed assets; CH013 is within 400m of 38 grade II listed assets and one grade 1 listed asset. Dependent on proposal specific information, this option could lead to the deterioration of the setting of designated heritage assets. This option has been assessed as having an overall negative effect on this objective although the exact nature of effects are uncertain.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Policies in the Local Plan will provide protection for heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings. However options that include a number of sites in close proximity to designated heritage assets increases the risk that the cumulative impact of development may result in harm or loss to the significance of designated heritage assets that could not be reasonably mitigated. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support protection and enhancement for the character of towns / villages; heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.

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14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Will it protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Will it promote development on brownfield land? • Will it safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	-/?	-/?	-/?	This option includes a number of greenfield sites outside the current development boundary: CH085A, B, C and D, CH128 and CH132 that are assessed as having potential for effects on landscape character if developed, although the exact nature of effects are uncertain as they are dependent on proposal specific information. It should be noted that none of the above sites fall within the area identified as "important landscape setting to settlement"[4]. The overall impact of development of site CH128 on the purposes of the Green Belt was assessed as limited[5]; with the report recommendation that the Council consider the site for Green Belt release under exceptional circumstances. Overall this option has been assessed as having an uncertain negative effect on this objective.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Policies in the Local Plan will provide protection for landscape character and natural assets. However options that include a number of sites that contribute to the current landscape setting to the settlement increases the risk of resulting in an adverse effect on the character of landscapes, including historic landscapes, that could not be reasonably mitigated. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support protection and enhancement of the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Will it support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Does it help support tourism and the visitor economy?	+	+	++	This option envisages locating two main clusters of development, one to the north and one to the south of the town, providing some development close to existing school sites in the south and delivering land for the provision of a new school in the north. This may result in more journeys to school being made on foot, which is likely to lead to positive effects. Avoiding focusing development around the existing cluster of schools and enabling delivery of a new school to the north, may avoid exacerbating congestion at peak times due to the existing concentration of journeys to school into one area of the town. This may help support opportunities for investment in culture and tourism that are likely to lead to long-term positive effects on sustainable tourism and local distinctiveness.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Proposals that have a positive effect on the town centre are likely to result in support for tourism and the visitor economy. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support tourism and the visitor economy.
ECONOMIC						

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16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Will it safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Will it safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	+	+	+	The County Council assessment of travelling conditions in Cheadle notes that there are significant delays along Leek Road and Froghall Road (in bound) that can be related to capacity constraints at the Leek Road / High Street / Tape Street junction between 8am and 9am(6). However, over the majority of Cheadle's road network journey times are considered to be reliable and delays relatively modest. A further transport study(7) was commissioned to assess impacts of additional housing and employment land provision on the highway network. Whilst the study predicted that the impacts of planned new development would still enable the overall network in Cheadle to generally remain operating within capacity, a number of further actions were recommended. This study was updated in April 2017(8) and provides a package of mitigation measures. In addition the County Council has proposed a study to consider the potential impacts on town centre traffic levels of a southern link road between A522 Tean Road and A521 Delphouse Road. Sites comprising this option may provide the opportunity to deliver a southern link road. The majority of sites comprising this option are located within 1,200m of the town centre and the wide range of key services and facilities that can be found here. Only sites CH132 and CH128 are more than 1,200m away from the town centre which could result in existing services and facilities being inaccessible for new residents of developments here. Overall the proposal has been assessed as having a minor positive effect on this objective.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Development of residential sites with good access to the town centre is likely to result in a positive effect on the vitality and viability of Cheadle as residents of new developments could be expected to support their local retail, leisure and service provision. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support town and village centres. Developers of strategic sites should be required to liaise with SCC and bus operators through the planning process to ensure developments have good access to public transport provision.
17. To strengthen, modernise and	• Will it provide a balanced portfolio of employment	0	0	0	Developments of the sites comprising this option could encourage investment in people and	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**:

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diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	land in sustainable locations? • Will it provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?				infrastructure through developer contributions. This proposal has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this objective.	A local labour supply will help to deliver economic growth across the plan area. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support sustainable economic growth.
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Will it meet the employment needs of local people? • Will it increase economic activity levels? • Will it improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Will it support higher income levels for local residents?	+	+	+	The proposal could facilitate residential development within 30 minutes travel time of existing employment provision. This proposal has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Ensuring a sufficient supply of homes within easy access of employment is a central element of an efficiently functioning economy. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support sustainable economic growth.

Summary of significant effects:

Sites comprising the option "north-south clusters with small scattered sites" are located both within and outside the existing settlement boundary. The sites are a range of sizes, three are large enough to yield over 100 homes each, a further four are expected to yield 50 or more homes. This could be expected to help enable the delivery of a range of types and tenures, making a significant contribution to meeting the housing needs of the whole community. A further positive effect of the option is the opportunity it provides for the delivery of a southern link road to help relieve traffic congestion in the town centre. In addition, enabling a cluster of new development to the south where there are existing school sites whilst also providing land for a new school to the north of the town is expected to spread journeys to school and help to avoid exacerbating congestion at peak times and this is likely to lead to positive effects on the town centre. All of the sites comprising this option could deliver development within 500m of a bus stop and all but two are within 800m of the town centre with its wide range of key services and facilities. This is likely to result in further positive effects on: improving access to jobs, services and facilities (which in turn is likely to advance equality of opportunity), improving access to health care, helping to safeguard the vitality and viability of the town centre, providing support for walking and cycling and reducing the need to travel by car. However sites CH128 and CH132 are more than 1,200m away from the town centre, so this option could also result in existing services and facilities being less accessible for residents of some new developments. This option (in comparison with other options) minimises potential for the cumulative impacts of development to result in the disturbance of habitats (and their connectedness) and of protected species that could not be reasonably mitigated. Whilst the option includes sites CH002A and CH024 which border Cecilly Brook Local Nature Reserve, one of the most important sites for water voles (a protected species) in Staffordshire, sites CH006 and CH009 (within 100m of the Reserve) are not identified as preferred options. This option is also less likely than previous options to result in the development of sites subject to risk from flooding - the option includes sites CH002A, CH020, CH085A and CH85B where small areas of flood

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	zones 2 or 3 at the edge of each site have been excluded from the boundary of each proposed allocation. Dependent on proposal specific information, the cumulative impact of development under this option may result in harm or loss to the significance of designated heritage assets. Site CH015 is within 400m of 24 grade II listed assets; CH013 is within 400m of 38 grade II listed assets and one grade 1 listed asset. Likely negative effects on landscape character have also been identified; sites CH085A, B, C and D, CH128 and CH132 are all greenfield sites outside the current development boundary, however none are within the area identified as "important landscape setting to settlement". The option has also been assessed as likely to result in minor negative effects in relation to loss of best and most versatile agricultural land, air quality and greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption arising from construction and occupation of new developments.					

Table 18.4 Assessment Table for Option 4: North - South clusters with small sites scattered through town

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8. Transport Study Report: Cheadle Town Centre - Phase 2; Amey for Staffordshire County Council; April 2017

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19.1 The matrices below set out the likely significant effects on sustainability of the four alternative options considered by the Council for a development approach for the rural areas. The assessments are based on the methodology proposed and consulted on in the SA Scoping Report and use the SA Framework also developed through consultation as part of the SA Scoping stage.

19.2 As part of the SA appraisal of options, consideration has been given to effects on sustainability over time (in the short, medium and long term) along with any cumulative impacts of implementing each option and possible mitigation measures where appropriate.

19.3 In comparing options with one another, consideration has also been given to the geographical scale of effect, whether any identified effects would be permanent or temporary, reversible or irreversible and the assumptions made, or justification for the assessment recorded.

19.4 Definitions of significance are provided in Section 3 Appraisal Methodology. Scoring of options is as set out in Table 8.1.

Option 1: Preferred Option April 2016: Green Belt release

SA Objective	Option 1: PO 2016: Green Belt release					
	Decision making criteria	Time-frame			Nature of effect; Comments	Justification; cumulative effects / mitigation measures
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SOCIAL						
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Will it make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Will it improve neighbourhood quality? • Will it ensure that there is adequate open space and support Green Infrastructure?	+/?	+/?	+/?	This option relies on the allocation of a number of new housing allocations in the larger villages. Since the rural areas are largely constrained by Green Belt, the majority of sites allocated require Green Belt release. Allocations include sites both within and outside the existing settlement boundaries. This may lead to negative effects on the District's GI network. However allocations in a broad range of larger villages could enable the enhancement of existing community facilities and services for a wider range of settlements. In addition effects will be partly dependent on the implementation	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Community cohesion and local environmental quality are dependent on the design and tenure mix, as well as the location of new development. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that good standards of amenity and open space and Green Infrastructure are delivered as part of new housing development.

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	• Will it minimise light and noise pollution? • Will it ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?				of Local Plan policies. Overall, this option has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, although the exact effects are uncertain.	
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	• Will it remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? • Will it help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.	+	+	++	Since this option relies on the allocation of sites in a range of larger villages, it is expected to enable the delivery of new development in good proximity to some services and facilities. This is likely to result in positive effects on improving access to jobs, services and facilities which could be expected to contribute to the advancement of equality of opportunity.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Equality of opportunity for all persons will be improved by any measure that has the effect of improving overall accessibility to jobs, services and facilities. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to help ensure that the needs of all members of the community can be addressed by helping to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	• Will it improve health or access to health facilities? • Will it promote healthy lifestyles? • Will it reduce health inequalities? • Will it provide opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	+	+	++	This option could enable the delivery of new development in proximity to a healthcare facility (eg within 1,200m of a GP surgery and open space). Development on the edge of settlement may offer opportunities to enable improved recreational access to the countryside. Overall this option has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective, particularly in the long term.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Delivering new homes in proximity to existing healthcare services and open space will have a positive effect on health.

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						Mitigation measures: Local Plan policies to ensure that new developments deliver opportunities to increase take up of sustainable transport choices and improvements to healthy travel networks, including increased opportunities for access to the countryside.
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	• Will it reduce actual levels of crime? • Will it reduce fear of crime?	?	?	?	There is uncertainty as to the nature of effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the implementation of Local Plan policies.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Good design will help minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that new developments are well designed, creating safe places and reducing opportunities for anti-social behaviour.
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Will it provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Will it enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Will it ensure that people can afford their housing?	+	++	++	The allocations comprising the green belt release option are a range of sizes, with seven expected to yield 50 or more homes. This could be expected to help enable the delivery of a range of types and tenures, making a significant contribution to meeting the needs of the whole community. The option could also make a significant contribution to the delivery of affordable homes. This option has been assessed as having a very positive effect on this objective in the medium and long term.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Larger sites offer the most potential to deliver a range of types and tenures of new homes. **Mitigation measures**: Wider initiatives of the Council should be supported to help deliver additional affordable homes.

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6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Will it minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Will it support the use of public transport? • Will it support safe walking and cycling? • Will it protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	+	+	++	Some of the sites comprising this option could deliver development within 500m of a bus stop and this is likely to result in a positive effect on supporting the use of public transport. Sites could be expected to support the delivery of new development in proximity to some services and facilities, helping to support the use of walking and cycling. Overall this option has been assessed as having a long term positive effect on this objective.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Allocations of small and medium sites in a number of larger villages will support development close to some existing services and facilities and help to reduce the number of journeys made by car. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that developments support safe walking and cycling and improve access to the natural environment.
ENVIRONMENTAL						
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Will it reduce emissions of greenhouse gases particularly CO_2? • Will it increase energy efficiency? • Will it increase the use of renewable energy? • Will it ensure new development is in accessible locations in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	-	-	-	Development of the sites comprising this option could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. Some of the sites comprising this option could deliver development within 500m of a bus stop. The option could be expected to support the delivery of new development in proximity to some services and facilities, helping to support the use of walking and cycling. Whilst this may help to reduce the need to travel by car, overall this option has been assessed as having a negative effect on this objective.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Even if individual properties are built to high environmental performance standards and delivered in sustainable locations, the total increase in number of dwellings and car journeys is likely to increase energy use and associated greenhouse gas emissions. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that high environmental design standards are supported and that developments are brought forward in accessible locations that support the use of sustainable forms of transport.

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8. To improve air quality.	• Will it minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Will it maximise the removal of air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	0	0	0	This option has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this objective.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: The main areas identified in the District as being of poor air quality are the Cellarhead junction (between the A52 and A520); Ball Haye Street, Leek (a primary link road from Leek A53 to the A523 Macclesfield and Buxton Road) and Broad Street, Leek (a primary link road from Stoke on Trent) **(1)** . Whilst the increase in number of dwellings and car journeys is likely to increase emission of airborne pollutants, development in the rural areas carries a lower risk that air quality may deteriorate in areas of existing low quality. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that developments include appropriate landscaping to aid removal of air pollutants.
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Is new development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Will it reduce risk of flooding eg by encouraging the integration of mitigation measures such as SuDS into new development? • Will it protect, maintain and improve the quality of water	0	0	0	The SFRA **(2)** confirms that there are few locations in which development would significantly increase fluvial flood risk elsewhere, due to the majority of potentially suitable sites for development being located within Flood Zone 1. However development of sites could be expected to lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, although SuDs could be	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Development will be permitted only where schemes meet development plan requirements for management of flood risk.

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	resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Will it encourage water efficiency and demand management?				used to mitigate against this. Development could also be expected to lead to increased water demand within the District. Overall this option has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this objective.	**Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that new developments are directed towards areas of least flood risk and incorporate SuDS wherever possible.
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Will it protect and promote effective management of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance? • Will it help contribute to Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Will it help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	-	-	--	This option relies on a number of small or medium sized allocations in the larger villages, mainly outside the settlement boundaries. There is potential for development to result in disturbance of habitats, however mitigation measures are likely to be available. An impact on the District's ecological and GI networks is likely. Larger villages with potential allocations include Ipstones and Waterhouses, both are close to a component of the Peak District Dales SAC and there is potential for effects of development to result in an In-Combination Effect in relation to recreational pressure [(3)]. Overall this option has been assessed as having a negative effect on this objective.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Policies in the Local Plan will provide protection for biodiversity and for sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, but the cumulative impact of the development of a number of sites pose risks of disturbance that could not be reasonably mitigated. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure impacts on biodiversity are minimised and proposals provide net gains in biodiversity where possible. Implementation of measures recommended in the HRA of the Local Plan to ensure no adverse impacts on European sites.
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Will it safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Will it minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Will it reduce land contamination / instability?	-/?	-/?	-/?	This option may include allocation of sites that are assessed as Agricultural Land Classification (ALC) Grade 3 land, so the proposal could result in the loss of best and most versatile agricultural land. This option may also include allocation of sites that are assessed as being within Mineral Safeguarding Areas, so the proposal may	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Allocations will be mainly greenfield sites on the edge of settlements.

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	• Will it reduce the amount of derelict land? • Will it protect notable geological and geomorphological features?				lead to the loss of mineral resources. Overall this option has been assessed as having a negative effect on this objective, although the exact effects are uncertain.	**Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure protection and enhancement of geologically important sites.
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Will it reduce waste generation? • Will it maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Will it increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	?	?	?	There is uncertainty as to the nature of effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the implementation of Local Plan policies.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Policies in the Local Plan will encourage the re-use of existing buildings wherever possible. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support waste minimisation.
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Will it ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Will it protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	-/?	-/?	-/?	This option may include sites that are assessed as within 400m of one or more grade II listed assets **(4)** . Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that this option could lead to the deterioration of the setting of designated or non-designated heritage assets. Applicants should be required to provide an NPPF compliant heritage statement. This option has been assessed as having an overall negative effect on this objective although the exact nature of effects are uncertain.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Policies in the Local Plan will provide protection for heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings. However options that include a number of sites in close proximity to designated heritage assets increases the risk of development resulting in harm or loss to the significance of a designated heritage asset that could not be reasonably mitigated. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support protection and enhancement for the character of towns / villages; heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.

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14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Will it protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Will it promote development on brownfield land? • Will it safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	-/?	-/?	-/?	This option relies on Green Belt release. The Government has proposed a requirement on authorities to examine fully all other reasonable options before amending Green Belt Boundaries. This option is likely to include sites that fall within the area identified as "important landscape setting to settlement"(5). This option is also likely to include sites assessed as being of some landscape sensitivity (6), and are likely to risk an effect on local landscape character or the setting of the Peak District National Park, however site-specific landscape mitigation measures may be available. Overall this option has been assessed as having a negative effect on this objective, although exact effects are uncertain.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Policies in the Local Plan will provide protection for landscape character and natural assets. However options that include a number of sites that contribute to the current landscape setting to the settlement increases the risk of resulting in an adverse effect on the character of landscapes, including historic landscapes, that could not be reasonably mitigated. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support protection and enhancement of the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Will it support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Does it help support tourism and the visitor economy?	+	+	+	This option relies on delivery of a number of small and medium sized sites across a range of larger villages and this may help support opportunities for investment in culture and tourism that could result in positive effects on the local economy.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Proposals that have a positive effect on a range of village centres are likely to result in support for tourism and the visitor economy. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support tourism and the visitor economy.
ECONOMIC						

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16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Will it safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Will it safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	+	+	+	This option relies on delivery of a number of small and medium sized sites across a range of larger villages and this may help support existing services and facilities. Overall the proposal has been assessed as having a minor positive effect on this objective.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Development of residential sites with access to a range of village centres is likely to result in a positive effect on the vitality and viability of rural areas as residents of new developments could be expected to support their local retail, leisure and other service provision. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support town and village centres.
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Will it provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Will it provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	0	0	0	Development of sites could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. This proposal has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this objective.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: A local labour supply will help to deliver economic growth across the plan area. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support sustainable economic growth.
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Will it meet the employment needs of local people?	+	+	+	The proposal could facilitate residential development within 30 minutes travel time of existing employment provision. This proposal has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent;

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	• Will it increase economic activity levels? • Will it improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Will it support higher income levels for local residents?					**Assumptions made**: Ensuring a sufficient supply of homes within easy access of employment is a central element of an efficiently functioning economy. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support sustainable economic growth.

Summary of significant effects:

Sites comprising the April 2016 preferred option (green belt release) are a range of sizes, seven are expected to yield 50 or more homes and this is expected to help enable the delivery of a range of types and tenures, making a significant contribution to meeting the housing needs of the whole community. This is likely to result in positive effects on a number of village centres and may help support opportunities for investment in culture and tourism with positive effects on the local economy. Sites comprising this option could deliver development within 500m of a bus stop and or within the proximity of a number of village centres with some key services and facilities. This is likely to result in positive effects on: improving access to jobs, services and facilities (which in turn is likely to advance equality of opportunity), improving access to health care, helping to safeguard the vitality and viability of village centres, providing support for walking and cycling and reducing the need to travel by car.

However this option relies on a number of small or medium sized allocations in the larger villages mainly outside the existing settlement boundaries and this is likely to lead to negative effects on the District's ecological and GI networks. Larger villages with potential allocations include Ipstones and Waterhouses risking potential effects on European sites arising from recreational pressure. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that this option may lead to the deterioration of the settings of designated or non-designated heritage assets, applicants should be required to provide an NPPF compliant heritage statement. Likely negative effects on landscape character have also been identified, this option is likely to include sites that fall within the important landscape setting to settlement" and sites assessed as being of some landscape sensitivity, however site-specific landscape mitigation measures may be available. The option has also been assessed as likely to result in minor negative effects in relation to loss of best and most versatile agricultural land, air quality and greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption arising from construction and occupation of new developments.

This option relies on green belt release. The government has proposed a requirement on authorities to examine fully all other reasonable options before amending green belt.

Table 19.1 Assessment Table for Option 1: Green Belt release

1. 2014 Air Quality Progress Report for Staffordshire Moorlands District Council In fulfillment of Part IV of the Environment Act 1995 Local Air Quality Management; SMDC; November 2014
2. Staffordshire Moorlands Level 1 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) Update; AECOM Infrastructure and Environment UK Ltd; October 2015
3. Habitats Regulations Assessment; Staffordshire Moorlands Local Plan - Preferred Options; July 2017; ClearLead Consulting Limited
4. Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study, August 2016; Wardell Armstrong
5. Landscape Character Assessment of Staffordshire Moorlands; Wardell Armstrong; 2010

6. Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study, August 2016; Wardell Armstrong

Option 2: Countryside release

SA Objective	Option 2: Countryside release					
	Decision making criteria	Time-frame			Nature of effect; Comments	Justification; cumulative effects / mitigation measures
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SOCIAL						
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Will it make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Will it improve neighbourhood quality? • Will it ensure that there is adequate open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Will it minimise light and noise pollution? • Will it ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	+/?	+/?	+/?	This option relies on the identification of a number of new housing allocations in the larger and smaller villages that are not constrained by Green Belt. The option requires settlement extensions into the countryside and this may lead to negative effects on the District's GI network. However allocations in a range of larger and smaller villages could enable the enhancement of existing community facilities and services for a range of settlements. In addition effects will be partly dependent on the implementation of Local Plan policies. Overall this option has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, although the exact effects are uncertain.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Community cohesion and local environmental quality are dependent on the design and tenure mix, as well as the location of new development. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that good standards of amenity and open space and Green Infrastructure are delivered as part of new housing development.
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social	• Will it remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity,	-	-	--	Since this option relies on the allocation of sites in larger and smaller villages, it is expected that some new development will be delivered in locations that are relatively remote from existing services and facilities. This is likely to result in negative effects on improving access to jobs, services and facilities which could be expected to detract from the advancement of equality of opportunity in the long term.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Equality of opportunity for all persons will be improved by any measure that has the effect of improving overall accessibility to jobs, services and facilities.

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exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? ● Will it help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.					**Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to help ensure that the needs of all members of the community can be addressed by helping to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	● Will it improve health or access to health facilities? ● Will it promote healthy lifestyles? ● Will it reduce health inequalities? ● Will it provide opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	0	0	0	This option could enable the delivery of new development in settlements without infrastructure and services and that are in locations in excess of 1,200m from a GP surgery or other healthcare facility. However development on the edge of settlement may offer opportunities for improved recreational access to the countryside. Overall this option has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this objective.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Delivering new homes in proximity to existing healthcare services and open space will have a positive effect on health. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that new developments deliver opportunities to increase take up of sustainable transport choices and improvements to healthy travel networks, including increased opportunities for access to the countryside.
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	● Will it reduce actual levels of crime? ● Will it reduce fear of crime?	?	?	?	There is uncertainty as to the nature of effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the implementation of Local Plan policies.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Good design will help minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that new developments are well designed, creating safe places and reducing opportunities for anti-social behaviour.

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5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Will it provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Will it enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Will it ensure that people can afford their housing?	+	+	+	The allocations comprising the countryside release option are likely to be a range of sizes, but only a small number would be expected to yield 50 or more homes due to the need to rely on smaller villages to supply appropriate sites. This could be expected to restrict the delivery of types and tenures, potentially reducing the contribution to meeting the needs of the whole community. However the option could make a contribution to the delivery of affordable homes. There may be an issue of deliverability arising from the need to rely on the allocation of a large number of smaller sites. This option has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Larger sites offer the most potential to deliver a range of types and tenures of new homes. Relying on a large number of small sites coming forward poses more risk to delivery than a smaller number of larger sites. **Mitigation measures**: Wider initiatives of the Council should be supported to help deliver additional affordable homes.
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Will it minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Will it support the use of public transport? • Will it support safe walking and cycling? • Will it protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	0	-	-	Some of the sites comprising this option could deliver development within 500m of a bus stop and this is likely to result in a positive effect on supporting the use of public transport. However the smaller villages tend to be more remote from the public transport network. Sites could be expected to support the delivery of new development in proximity to some services and facilities, helping to support the use of walking and cycling, however those sites in the smaller villages are likely to lead to comparatively more car use. Overall this option has been assessed as having a long term negative effect on this objective.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Allocation of sites in larger and smaller villages will restrict development delivered close to some existing services and facilities and the number of journeys made by car is likely to be comparativley greater. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that developments support safe walking and cycling and improve access to the natural environment.
ENVIRONMENTAL						

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7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Will it reduce emissions of greenhouse gases particularly CO_2? • Will it increase energy efficiency? • Will it increase the use of renewable energy? • Will it ensure new development is in accessible locations in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	-	-	--	Development of the sites comprising this option could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. Some of the sites comprising this option could deliver development within 500m of a bus stop. However the option could be expected to deliver some new development in locations remote from existing services and facilities, restricting the likelihood of residents travelling to key destinations by walking or cycling. Overall this option has been assessed as having a negative effect on this objective.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Even if individual properties are built to high environmental performance standards and delivered in sustainable locations, the total increase in number of dwellings and car journeys is likely to increase energy use and associated greenhouse gas emissions. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that high environmental design standards are supported and that developments are brought forward in accessible locations that support the use of sustainable forms of transport.
8. To improve air quality.	• Will it minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Will it maximise the removal of air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	0	0	0	This option has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this objective.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: The main areas identified in the District as being of poor air quality are the Cellarhead junction (between the A52 and A520); Ball Haye Street, Leek (a primary link road from Leek A53 to the A523 Macclesfield and Buxton Road) and Broad Street, Leek (a primary link road from Stoke on Trent) **(1)** . Whilst the increase in number of dwellings and car journeys is likely to increase emission of airborne pollutants, development in the rural

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						areas carries a lower risk that air quality may deteriorate in areas of existing low quality. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that developments include appropriate landscaping to aid removal of air pollutants.
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Is new development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Will it reduce risk of flooding eg by encouraging the integration of mitigation measures such as SuDS into new development? • Will it protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Will it encourage water efficiency and demand management?	0	0	0	The SFRA [(2)] confirms that there are few locations in which development would significantly increase fluvial flood risk elsewhere, due to the majority of potentially suitable sites for development being located within Flood Zone 1. However development of sites could be expected to lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, although SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Development could also be expected to lead to increased water demand within the District. Overall this option has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this objective.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Development will be permitted only where schemes meet development plan requirements for management of flood risk. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that new developments are directed towards areas of least flood risk and incorporate SuDS wherever possible.
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Will it protect and promote effective management of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance?	--	--	--	This option relies on countryside release around those larger and smaller villages not constrained by Green Belt. Consequently there is potential for development to result in disturbance of habitats, however mitigation measures are likely to be available. An impact on the District's ecological and GI networks is likely. Larger villages not constrained by Green Belt include Ipstones and Waterhouses,	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Policies in the Local Plan will provide protection for biodiversity and for sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, but the cumulative impact of the development of a number of sites pose risks of disturbance that could not be reasonably mitigated.

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	• Will it help contribute to Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Will it help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?				both are close to a component of the Peak District Dales SAC and there is potential for effects of development to result in an In-Combination Effect in relation to recreational pressure[3]. Similarly those smaller villages not constrained by Green Belt include Blackshaw Moor, Heaton, Meerbrook, Swinscoe and Winkhill, all of which are close to the Peak District National Park and to the European sites. Overall this option has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this objective.	**Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure impacts on biodiversity are minimised and proposals provide net gains in biodiversity where possible. Implementation of measures recommended in the HRA of the Local Plan to ensure no adverse impacts on European sites.
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Will it safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Will it minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Will it reduce land contamination / instability? • Will it reduce the amount of derelict land? • Will it protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	-/?	-/?	-/?	This option may include allocation of sites that are assessed as Agricultural Land Classification (ALC) Grade 3 land, so the proposal could result in the loss of best and most versatile agricultural land. This option may also include allocation of sites that are assessed as being within Mineral Safeguarding Areas, so the proposal may lead to the loss of mineral resources. Overall this option has been assessed as having a negative effect on this objective, although the exact effects are uncertain.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Allocations will be mainly greenfield sites on the edge of settlements. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure protection and enhancement of geologically important sites.
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Will it reduce waste generation? • Will it maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Will it increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	?	?	?	There is uncertainty as to the nature of effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the implementation of Local Plan policies.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Policies in the Local Plan will encourage the re-use of existing buildings wherever possible.

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						Mitigation measures: Local Plan policies to support waste minimisation.
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Will it ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Will it protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	-/?	-/?	-/?	This option may include sites that are assessed as within 400m of one or more grade II listed assets **(4)** . Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that this option could lead to the deterioration of the setting of designated or non-designated heritage assets. Applicants should be required to provide an NPPF compliant heritage statement. As growth is being distributed to those villages not constrained by Green Belt there is likely to be a disproportionate impact of growth on the character of these settlements, the smaller villages in particular. Overall this option has been assessed as having a negative effect on this objective, although the exact nature of effects are uncertain.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Policies in the Local Plan will provide protection for heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings. However options that include a number of sites in close proximity to designated heritage assets increases the risk of development resulting in harm or loss to the significance of a designated heritage asset that could not be reasonably mitigated. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support protection and enhancement for the character of towns / villages; heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Will it protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness?	--/?	--/?	--/?	This option relies on countryside release. This option is likely to include sites that fall within the area identified as "important landscape setting to settlement"[(5)]. This option is also likely to include sites assessed as being of some landscape sensitivity [(6)], and are likely to risk an effect on local landscape character or the setting of the Peak District National Park,	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Policies in the Local Plan will provide protection for landscape character and natural assets. However options that include a number of sites that

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	• Will it promote development on brownfield land? • Will it safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?				however site-specific landscape mitigation measures may be available. Smaller villages not constrained by Green Belt include Blackshaw Moor, Heaton, Meerbrook, Swinscoe and Winkhill, all of which are close to the Peak District National Park. Overall this option has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this objective, although exact effects are uncertain.	contribute to the current landscape setting to the settlement, or contribute to the setting of the national park, increases the risk of resulting in an adverse effect on the character of landscapes, including historic landscapes, that could not be reasonably mitigated. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support protection and enhancement of the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Will it support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Does it help support tourism and the visitor economy?	+	+	+	This option relies on delivery of a number of small and medium sized sites across a range of larger villages and this may help support opportunities for investment in culture and tourism that could result in positive effects on the local economy.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Proposals that have a positive effect on a range of village centres are likely to result in support for tourism and the visitor economy. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support tourism and the visitor economy.
ECONOMIC						
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Will it safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Will it safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	+	+	+	This option relies on delivery of a number of small sites across larger and smaller villages and this may help support any existing services and facilities. However development in the smaller villages not constrained by Green Belt is likely toresult in development remote from the three main towns and this may detract from	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Development of residential sites with access to larger village centres is likely to result in a positive effect on the vitality and viability of rural areas as

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					the future viability of these settlements. Overall the proposal has been assessed as having a minor positive effect on this objective.	residents of new developments could be expected to support their local retail, leisure and other service provision. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support town and village centres.
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Will it provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Will it provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	0	0	0	Development of sites could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. This proposal has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this objective.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: A local labour supply will help to deliver economic growth across the plan area. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support sustainable economic growth.
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Will it meet the employment needs of local people? • Will it increase economic activity levels? • Will it improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Will it support higher income levels for local residents?	+	+	+	The proposal could facilitate residential development within 30 minutes travel time of existing employment provision. This proposal has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Ensuring a sufficient supply of homes within easy access of employment is a central element of an efficiently functioning economy. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support sustainable economic growth.
Summary of significant effects:						

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Sites comprising the countryside release option are expected to be small settlement extensions, in keeping with the scale of the villages, and consequently few are expected to yield 50 or more homes, potentially restricting the delivery of the full range of types and tenures of new homes, although this option is still expected to make a positive contribution to meeting the housing needs of the community. This is likely to result in positive effects on a number of village centres and may help support opportunities for investment in culture and tourism with positive effects on the local economy. Whilst some sites comprising this option could deliver development within 500m of a bus stop and or within the proximity of a larger village centre with some key services and facilities, the smaller villages tend to be remote from the public transport network and from the main towns and this is likely to result in negative effects on: access to jobs, services and facilities including healthcare (which in turn is likely to detract from equality of opportunity). Similarly there is likely to be negative effects resulting from the option being unlikely to support residents travelling to key destinations by walking or cycling. This option relies on countryside release around larger and smaller villages not constrained by Green Belt and this is likely to lead to negative effects on the District's ecological and GI networks. Villages with potential allocations include Ipstones, Waterhouses, Blackshaw Moor, Heaton, Meerbrook, Swinscoe and Winkhill, risking potential effects on European sites arising from recreational pressure. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that this option may lead to the deterioration of the settings of designated or non-designated heritage assets, applicants should be required to provide an NPPF compliant heritage statement. Likely negative effects on landscape character have also been identified, this option is likely to include sites contrbuting to the setting of the Peak District National Park, or that fall within the important landscape setting to settlement" and sites assessed as being of some landscape sensitivity, however site-specific landscape mitigation measures may be available. The option has also been assessed as likely to result in minor negative effects in relation to loss of best and most versatile agricultural land, air quality and greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption arising from construction and occupation of new developments.					

Table 19.2 Assessment Table for Option 2: Countryside release

1. 2014 Air Quality Progress Report for Staffordshire Moorlands District Council In fulfillment of Part IV of the Environment Act 1995 Local Air Quality Management; SMDC; November 2014
2. Staffordshire Moorlands Level 1 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) Update; AECOM Infrastructure and Environment UK Ltd; October 2015
3. Habitats Regulations Assessment; Staffordshire Moorlands Local Plan - Preferred Options; July 2017; ClearLead Consulting Limited
4. Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study, August 2016; Wardell Armstrong
5. Landscape Character Assessment of Staffordshire Moorlands; Wardell Armstrong; 2010
6. Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study, August 2016; Wardell Armstrong

Option 3: Growth re-directed to towns

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SOCIAL						
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Will it make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Will it improve neighbourhood quality? • Will it ensure that there is adequate open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Will it minimise light and noise pollution? • Will it ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	+/?	+/?	+/?	This option relies on the identification of a number of new housing allocations in those larger villages that are not constrained by Green Belt and increasing the share of growth distributed to Leek and Cheadle (avoiding further green belt release in Biddulph). The option requires settlement extensions into the countryside and this may lead to negative effects on the District's GI network. However allocations in some larger villages and additional growth directed to Leek and Cheadle could enable the enhancement of existing community facilities and services for these settlements. In addition effects will be partly dependent on the implementation of Local Plan policies. Overall this option has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, although the exact effects are uncertain.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Community cohesion and local environmental quality are dependent on the design and tenure mix, as well as the location of new development. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that good standards of amenity and open space and Green Infrastructure are delivered as part of new housing development.
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social	• Will it remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability,	+	+	++	Since this option relies on the allocation of sites in some larger villages and the towns, it is expected that new development will be delivered in proximity to existing services and facilities, helping to minimise the distance that people need to travel in order to access key services. This is likely to result in positive effects on improving access to jobs, services	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Equality of opportunity for all persons will be improved by any measure that has the effect of improving overall accessibility to jobs, services and facilities.

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exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? ● Will it help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.				and facilities which could be expected to contribute to the advancement of equality of opportunity in the long term.	**Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to help ensure that the needs of all members of the community can be addressed by helping to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	● Will it improve health or access to health facilities? ● Will it promote healthy lifestyles? ● Will it reduce health inequalities? ● Will it provide opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	+	+	++	This option could enable the delivery of new development in settlements within 1,200m of a GP surgery or other healthcare facility. Also development on the edge of settlement may offer opportunities for improved recreational access to the countryside. Overall this option has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Delivering new homes in proximity to existing healthcare services and open space will have a positive effect on health. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that new developments deliver opportunities to increase take up of sustainable transport choices and improvements to healthy travel networks, including increased opportunities for access to the countryside.
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	● Will it reduce actual levels of crime? ● Will it reduce fear of crime?	?	?	?	There is uncertainty as to the nature of effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the implementation of Local Plan policies.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Good design will help minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime. **Mitigation measures**:

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						Local Plan policies to ensure that new developments are well designed, creating safe places and reducing opportunities for anti-social behaviour.
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Will it provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Will it enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Will it ensure that people can afford their housing?	+	++	++	The allocations comprising the "growth redirected to towns" option are likely to be a range of sizes, including sites expected to yield 50 or more homes. This could be expected to enable the delivery of a range of types and tenures, helping to meet the needs of the whole community. This option is expected to make a contribution to the delivery of affordable homes. Overall this option has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Larger sites offer the most potential to deliver a range of types and tenures of new homes. Relying on a large number of small sites coming forward poses more risk to delivery than a smaller number of larger sites. **Mitigation measures**: Wider initiatives of the Council should be supported to help deliver additional affordable homes.
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Will it minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Will it support the use of public transport? • Will it support safe walking and cycling? • Will it protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	0	+	++	Sites comprising this option could deliver development within 500m of a bus stop and this is likely to result in a positive effect on supporting the use of public transport. Since under this option growth would be focused on some larger villages and the towns, sites could be expected to support the delivery of new development in proximity to a range of key services and facilities, helping to support the use of walking and cycling. Overall this option has been assessed as having a long term positive effect on this objective.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Allocation of sites in larger villages and towns will direct development to locations close to existing services and facilities and this will lead to an increase in the opportunities to make journeys to key destinations without using a car. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that developments support safe walking and cycling and improve access to the natural environment.

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ENVIRONMENTAL						
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Will it reduce emissions of greenhouse gases particularly CO_2? • Will it increase energy efficiency? • Will it increase the use of renewable energy? • Will it ensure new development is in accessible locations in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	-	-	-	Development of the sites comprising this option could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. However sites comprising this option could deliver development within 500m of a bus stop, helping to encourage use of sustainable forms of transport. Overall this option has been assessed as having a negative effect on this objective.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Even if individual properties are built to high environmental performance standards and delivered in sustainable locations, the total increase in number of dwellings and car journeys is likely to increase energy use and associated greenhouse gas emissions. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that high environmental design standards are supported and that developments are brought forward in accessible locations that support the use of sustainable forms of transport.
8. To improve air quality.	• Will it minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Will it maximise the removal of air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	-/?	-/?	-/?	Since under this option growth would be focused on some larger villages and the towns of Cheadle and Leek, there is a risk that traffic may be increased in or near to areas of existing poor air quality. This option has been assessed as having a negative effect on this objective, although the exact effects are uncertain.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: The main areas identified in the District as being of poor air quality are the Cellarhead junction (between the A52 and A520); Ball Haye Street, Leek (a primary link road from Leek A53 to the A523 Macclesfield and Buxton Road) and Broad Street, Leek (a primary link road from Stoke on Trent) **(1)**

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						.The increase in number of dwellings and car journeys is likely to increase emission of airborne pollutants, air quality may deteriorate in areas of existing low quality. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that developments include appropriate landscaping to aid removal of air pollutants.
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Is new development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Will it reduce risk of flooding eg by encouraging the integration of mitigation measures such as SuDS into new development? • Will it protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Will it encourage water efficiency and demand management?	0	0	0	The SFRA [(2)] confirms that there are few locations in which development would significantly increase fluvial flood risk elsewhere, due to the majority of potentially suitable sites for development being located within Flood Zone 1. However development of sites could be expected to lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, although SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Development could also be expected to lead to increased water demand within the District. Overall this option has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this objective.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Development will be permitted only where schemes meet development plan requirements for management of flood risk. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that new developments are directed towards areas of least flood risk and incorporate SuDS wherever possible.
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Will it protect and promote effective management of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance?	--	--	--	This option relies on redirecting growth from the rural areas to those towns not constrained by Green Belt. This is likely to result in increased growth to the east of both Leek and	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Policies in the Local Plan will provide protection for biodiversity and for sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, but the cumulative

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	• Will it help contribute to Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Will it help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?				Cheadle, with potential impacts on Cecilly Brook LNR and green corridor, and the risk of increased recreational impacts on the European sites to the east of Leek. There is potential for development to result in disturbance of local habitats, however mitigation measures are likely to be available. An impact on the District's ecological and GI networks is likely. Larger villages not constrained by Green Belt include Ipstones and Waterhouses, both are close to a component of the Peak District Dales SAC and there is potential for effects of development to result in an In-Combination Effect in relation to recreational pressure(3). Overall this option has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this objective.	impact of the development of a number of sites pose risks of disturbance that could not be reasonably mitigated. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure impacts on biodiversity are minimised and proposals provide net gains in biodiversity where possible. Implementation of measures recommended in the HRA of the Local Plan to ensure no adverse impacts on European sites.
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Will it safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Will it minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Will it reduce land contamination / instability? • Will it reduce the amount of derelict land? • Will it protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	-/?	-/?	-/?	This option may include allocation of sites that are assessed as Agricultural Land Classification (ALC) Grade 3 land, so the proposal could result in the loss of best and most versatile agricultural land. This option may also include allocation of sites that are assessed as being within Mineral Safeguarding Areas, so the proposal may lead to the loss of mineral resources. Overall this option has been assessed as having a negative effect on this objective, although the exact effects are uncertain.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Allocations will be mainly greenfield sites on the edge of settlements. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure protection and enhancement of geologically important sites.

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12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Will it reduce waste generation? • Will it maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Will it increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	?	?	?	There is uncertainty as to the nature of effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the implementation of Local Plan policies.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Policies in the Local Plan will encourage the re-use of existing buildings wherever possible. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support waste minimisation.
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Will it ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Will it protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	-/?	-/?	-/?	This option may include sites that are assessed as within 400m of one or more grade II listed assets **(4)** . Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that this option could lead to the deterioration of the setting of designated or non-designated heritage assets. Applicants should be required to provide an NPPF compliant heritage statement. As growth is being distributed principally to those larger villages and towns not constrained by Green Belt there is likely to be a disproportionate impact of growth on the character of these settlements, Leek and Cheadle in particular. Overall this option has been assessed as having a negative effect on this objective, although the exact effects are uncertain.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Policies in the Local Plan will provide protection for heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings. However options that include a number of sites in close proximity to designated heritage assets increases the risk of development resulting in harm or loss to the significance of a designated heritage asset that could not be reasonably mitigated. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support protection and enhancement for the character of towns / villages; heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.

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14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Will it protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Will it promote development on brownfield land? • Will it safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	--/?	--/?	--/?	This option will require some countryside release. The option may include sites that fall within the area identified as "important landscape setting to settlement"[5]. This option is also likely to include sites assessed as being of some landscape sensitivity [6], including sites to the east of Leek, and are likely to risk an effect on local landscape character or the setting of the Peak District National Park, however site-specific landscape mitigation measures may be available. Overall this option has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this objective, although exact effects are uncertain.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Policies in the Local Plan will provide protection for landscape character and natural assets. However options that include a number of sites that contribute to the current landscape setting to the settlement, or contribute to the setting of the national park, increases the risk of resulting in an adverse effect on the character of landscapes, including historic landscapes, that could not be reasonably mitigated. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support protection and enhancement of the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Will it support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Does it help support tourism and the visitor economy?	+	+	+	This option relies on delivery of a number of sites across some larger villages and the towns (in particular those not constrained by Green Belt) and this may help support opportunities for investment in culture and tourism that could result in positive effects on the local economy.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Proposals that have a positive effect on a range of village and town centres are likely to result in support for tourism and the visitor economy. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support tourism and the visitor economy.
ECONOMIC						

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16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Will it safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Will it safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	0	0	0	This option relies on delivery of a number of small sites in larger villages, with growth redirected to towns not constrained by Green Belt and this may help support existing services and facilities in the towns. However by reducing the share of growth distributed to the rural areas, the option may result in in a more uneven distribution of development across the District, with growth focused on the three towns and this may restrict the future vitality of the rural areas. Overall the proposal has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this objective.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Development of residential sites with access to a settlement centre is likely to result in a positive effect on the vitality and viability of a town or village as residents of new developments could be expected to support their local retail, leisure and other service provision. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support town and village centres.
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Will it provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Will it provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	0	0	0	Development of sites could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. This proposal has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this objective.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: A local labour supply will help to deliver economic growth across the plan area. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support sustainable economic growth.
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Will it meet the employment needs of local people? • Will it increase economic activity levels?	+	++	++	By focusing growth on the towns, the proposal is likely to facilitate residential development within 30 minutes travel time of existing employment provision. This proposal has been assessed as having a significant positive effect on this objective, in the medium and long term.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Ensuring a sufficient supply of homes within easy access of employment is a central element of an efficiently functioning economy.

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	Decision making criteria	Time-frame			Nature of effect; Comments	Justification; cumulative effects / mitigation measures
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	• Will it improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Will it support higher income levels for local residents?					**Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support sustainable economic growth.

Summary of significant effects:

Sites comprising the option "growth redirected to towns" are expected to be a range of sizes, some are expected to yield 100 or more homes, potentially enabling the delivery of a wide range of types and tenures of new homes, consequently this option is expected to make a significant positive contribution to meeting the housing needs of the community. This is likely to result in further positive effects on a number of larger village centres ans well as the towns and may help support opportunities for investment in culture and tourism with positive effects on the local economy.

Sites comprising this option are expected deliver development generally within 500m of a bus stop and or within the proximity of a larger village or town centre with some key services and facilities and this is likely to result in positive effects on: access to jobs and other services and facilities including healthcare (which in turn is likely to support equality of opportunity). Similarly there is likely to be positive effects resulting from the option being likely to support residents travelling to key destinations by walking or cycling.

However this option relies on reducing the distribution of development to the rural areas and increasing the distribution to the owns, limiting Green Belt release and this is likely to lead to significant negative effects on the District's ecological and GI networks, with additional growth directed to the east of Cheadle, potentially in proximity to the Cecilly Brook corridor. Larger villages with potential allocations include Ipstones and Waterhouses, with further growth expected to be directed to the east of Leek, risking potential effects on European sites arising from recreational pressure. Dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that this option may lead to the deterioration of the settings of designated or non-designated heritage assets, applicants should be required to provide an NPPF compliant heritage statement. As growth is being distributed principally to those larger villages and towns not constrained by Green Belt there is likely to be a disproportionate impact of growth on the character of these settlements, Leek and Cheadle in particular. Likely negative effects on landscape character have also been identified, this option is likely to include sites contributing to the setting of the Peak District National Park, or that fall within the "important landscape setting to settlement" and sites assessed as being of some landscape sensitivity, (including sites to the east of Leek) however site-specific landscape mitigation measures may be available. The option has also been assessed as likely to result in minor negative effects arising from potential traffic increases in or near to areas of existing poor air quality and other effects of increased car travel as the focus of growth and investment in the towns draws people into the towns from the surrounding settlements.

Table 19.3 Assessment Table for Option 3: Growth redirected to towns

1. 2014 Air Quality Progress Report for Staffordshire Moorlands District Council In fulfillment of Part IV of the Environment Act 1995 Local Air Quality Management; SMDC; November 2014
2. Staffordshire Moorlands Level 1 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) Update; AECOM Infrastructure and Environment UK Ltd; October 2015
3. Habitats Regulations Assessment; Staffordshire Moorlands Local Plan - Preferred Options; July 2017; ClearLead Consulting Limited
4. Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study, August 2016; Wardell Armstrong
5. Landscape Character Assessment of Staffordshire Moorlands; Wardell Armstrong; 2010

6. Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study, August 2016; Wardell Armstrong

Option 4: Strategic Site release

SA Objective	Option 4: Strategic Site release					
	Decision making criteria	Time-frame			Nature of effect; Comments	Justification; cumulative effects / mitigation measures
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SOCIAL						
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Will it make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Will it improve neighbourhood quality? • Will it ensure that there is adequate open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Will it minimise light and noise pollution? • Will it ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	+/?	+/?	+/?	This option relies on the allocation of a strategic site in the rural areas to consolidate growth outside the towns, restricting both Green Belt release and extensions into the countryside. By minimising countryside release this may help to mitigate any negative effects of development on the District's GI network. Allocation of smaller sites in some larger villages could enable the enhancement of any existing community facilities and services. In addition effects will be partly dependent on the implementation of Local Plan policies. Overall, this option has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, although the exact effects are uncertain.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Community cohesion and local environmental quality are dependent on the design and tenure mix, as well as the location of new development. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that good standards of amenity and open space and Green Infrastructure are delivered as part of new housing development.
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by	• Will it remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity,	+	+	++	Since this option relies on the allocation of a strategic site to consolidate growth in the rural areas, it is expected to support infrastructure improvements supporting delivery of the site. This is likely to result in positive effects on improving access to jobs, services and facilities which could be expected to contribute to the advancement of equality of opportunity locally. However consolidating growth is likely to mean that some settlements	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Equality of opportunity for all persons will be improved by any measure that has the effect of improving overall accessibility to jobs, services and facilities.

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improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	race, religion / belief, sex and sexual orientation? ● Will it help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.				receive a lower share of growth, leading to a loss of any associated investment in some rural areas.	**Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to help ensure that the needs of all members of the community can be addressed by helping to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	● Will it improve health or access to health facilities? ● Will it promote healthy lifestyles? ● Will it reduce health inequalities? ● Will it provide opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	+	+	++	The identified strategic site is located within Blythe Bridge which has a GP surgery and opticians. This option could enable the delivery of new development in proximity to healthcare facilities and open space. Development on the edge of settlements may offer opportunities to enable improved recreational access to the countryside. Overall this option has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective, particularly in the long term.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Delivering new homes in proximity to existing healthcare services and open space will have a positive effect on health. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that new developments deliver opportunities to increase take up of sustainable transport choices and improvements to healthy travel networks, including increased opportunities for access to the countryside.
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	● Will it reduce actual levels of crime? ● Will it reduce fear of crime?	?	?	?	There is uncertainty as to the nature of effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the implementation of Local Plan policies.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Good design will help minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.

SA Objective	Option 4: Strategic Site release					
	Decision making criteria	Time-frame			Nature of effect; Comments	Justification; cumulative effects / mitigation measures
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						Mitigation measures: Local Plan policies to ensure that new developments are well designed, creating safe places and reducing opportunities for anti-social behaviour.
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Will it provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Will it enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Will it ensure that people can afford their housing?	+	++	++	Identification of a strategic site within which to consolidate growth in the rural areas may be expected to help with deliverability. It could also be expected to help enable the delivery of a range of types and tenures, making a significant contribution to meeting the needs of the whole community. The option could also make a significant contribution to the delivery of affordable homes. This option has been assessed as having a very positive effect on this objective in the medium and long term.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Larger sites offer the most potential to deliver a range of types and tenures of new homes. Allocation of a single large site is more likely to deliver housing numbers than reliance on bringing forward a large number of smaller sites. **Mitigation measures**: Wider initiatives of the Council should be supported to help deliver additional affordable homes.
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Will it minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Will it support the use of public transport? • Will it support safe walking and cycling? • Will it protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	+	++	++	The identified strategic site at Blythe Bridge would deliver development in proximity to the District's only railway station. Blythe Bridge is on the Crewe - Stoke - Derby line and this is likely to result in a positive effect on supporting the use of public transport. Blythe Bridge has a range of facilities and services including schools, play facilities, community library and general store, helping to support the use of walking and cycling. This option is thus likely to lead to more positive effects than other options relying on delivering growth across a range of settlements with fewer	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Allocation of a strategic site close to a railway station and existing services and facilities will help to reduce the number of journeys made by car. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that developments support safe walking and cycling and improve access to the natural environment.

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					facilities and services. Overall this option has been assessed as having a long term positive effect on this objective.	
ENVIRONMENTAL						
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Will it reduce emissions of greenhouse gases particularly CO_2? • Will it increase energy efficiency? • Will it increase the use of renewable energy? • Will it ensure new development is in accessible locations in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	-	-	-	Development of the sites comprising this option could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. The identified strategic site is within 1,500m of Blythe Bridge railway station. The option could also be expected to support the delivery of new development in proximity to existing services and facilities, helping to support the use of walking and cycling as well as public transport. Whilst this may help to reduce the need to travel by car, overall this option has been assessed as having a negative effect on this objective.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Even if individual properties are built to high environmental performance standards and delivered in sustainable locations, the total increase in number of dwellings and car journeys is likely to increase energy use and associated greenhouse gas emissions. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that high environmental design standards are supported and that developments are brought forward in accessible locations that support the use of sustainable forms of transport.
8. To improve air quality.	• Will it minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Will it maximise the removal of air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	0	0	0	This option has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this objective.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: The main areas identified in the District as being of poor air quality are the Cellarhead junction (between the A52 and A520); Ball Haye Street, Leek (a primary link road from Leek A53 to the A523 Macclesfield and Buxton Road) and Broad Street, Leek (a primary link road from Stoke on Trent)

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						(1) . Whilst the increase in number of dwellings and car journeys is likely to increase emission of airborne pollutants, development in the rural areas carries a lower risk that air quality may deteriorate in areas of existing low quality. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that developments include appropriate landscaping to aid removal of air pollutants.
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Is new development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Will it reduce risk of flooding eg by encouraging the integration of mitigation measures such as SuDS into new development? • Will it protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Will it encourage water efficiency and demand management?	0	0	0	The SFRA **(2)** confirms that there are few locations in which development would significantly increase fluvial flood risk elsewhere, due to the majority of potentially suitable sites for development being located within Flood Zone 1. However development of sites could be expected to lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, although SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Development could also be expected to lead to increased water demand within the District. Overall this option has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this objective.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Development will be permitted only where schemes meet development plan requirements for management of flood risk. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that new developments are directed towards areas of least flood risk and incorporate SuDS wherever possible.
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity	• Will it protect and promote effective management of the district's sites of	0	0	0	This option relies on consolidating growth in the rural areas within a single strategic site, reducing the total number of allocations to be	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent;

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resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	ecological and nature conservation importance? ● Will it help contribute to Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? ● Will it help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?				made in the rural areas overall. This may help to mitigate the potential for development to result in disturbance of habitats. However some impact on the District's ecological and GI networks remains likely. Consolidation into a strategic site is also expected to allow avoiding allocations in villages such as Ipstones that are close to a component of the Peak District Dales SAC and where development presents opportunities for effects from increased recreational pressure [3]. Overall this option has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this objective.	**Assumptions made**: Policies in the Local Plan will provide protection for biodiversity and for sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, but the cumulative impact of the development of a number of sites pose risks of disturbance that could not be reasonably mitigated. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure impacts on biodiversity are minimised and proposals provide net gains in biodiversity where possible. Implementation of measures recommended in the HRA of the Local Plan to ensure no adverse impacts on European sites.
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	● Will it safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? ● Will it minimise the loss of greenfield land? ● Will it reduce land contamination / instability? ● Will it reduce the amount of derelict land? ● Will it protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	-/?	--/?	--/?	The identified strategic site at Blythe Vale is indicated on the predictive map of Best and Most Versatile land as an area where more than 60% of the land is likely to be BMV, so the option could result in the loss of best and most versatile agricultural land. This option may also include allocation of sites that are assessed as being within Mineral Safeguarding Areas, so the proposal may lead to the loss of mineral resources. Overall this option has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this objective, although the exact effects are uncertain.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Allocations will be mainly greenfield sites on the edge of settlements. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure protection and enhancement of geologically important sites.
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	● Will it reduce waste generation?	?	?	?	There is uncertainty as to the nature of effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the implementation of Local Plan policies.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent;

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	• Will it maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Will it increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?					**Assumptions made**: Policies in the Local Plan will encourage the re-use of existing buildings wherever possible. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support waste minimisation.
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Will it ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Will it protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	-/?	-/?	-/?	The identified strategic site at Blythe Vale has one Grade II Listed Building within the 400m buffer. It is considered that due to the topography of the landscape, there is no inter-visibility between the site and the asset and that development would be highly unlikely to adversely affect the setting of the heritage asset.(4). However dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that other allocations under this option could lead to the deterioration of the setting of designated or non-designated heritage assets. Applicants should be required to provide an NPPF compliant heritage statement. The option identifies a large development site in the rural areas and this risks leading to a negative effect on the character and appearance of Blythe Vale. Overall this option has been assessed as having an negative effect on this objective although the exact nature of effects are uncertain.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Policies in the Local Plan will provide protection for heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings. However options that include a number of sites in close proximity to designated heritage assets increases the risk of development resulting in harm or loss to the significance of a designated heritage asset that could not be reasonably mitigated. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support protection and enhancement for the character of towns / villages; heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the	• Will it protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain	-/?	-/?	-/?	The identified strategic site at Blythe Vale lies partly within the important landscape setting to the settlement.(5). This option is	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent;

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landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	and strengthen local distinctiveness? ● Will it promote development on brownfield land? ● Will it safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?				also likely to include sites assessed as being of some landscape sensitivity [6], and are likely to risk an effect on local landscape character or the setting of the Peak District National Park, however site-specific landscape mitigation measures may be available. Overall this option has been assessed as having a negative effect on this objective, although exact effects are uncertain.	**Assumptions made**: Policies in the Local Plan will provide protection for landscape character and natural assets. However options that include a number of sites that contribute to the current landscape setting to the settlement increases the risk of resulting in an adverse effect on the character of landscapes, including historic landscapes, that could not be reasonably mitigated. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support protection and enhancement of the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	● Will it support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? ● Does it help support tourism and the visitor economy?	+	+	+	This option relies on delivery of a strategic site in place of a number of small sites across a number of villages and this may help support opportunities for infrastructure investment, including in culture and tourism that could result in positive effects on the local economy.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Consolidating growth into a single site may support infrastructure improvements that could benefit tourism and the visitor economy. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support tourism and the visitor economy.
ECONOMIC						

SA Objective	Option 4: Strategic Site release					
	Decision making criteria	Time-frame			Nature of effect; Comments	Justification; cumulative effects / mitigation measures
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16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Will it safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Will it safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	+	+	+	This option relies on delivery of a strategic site in the rural areas and this may help bring forward regeneration opportunities. Overall the proposal has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Development of residential sites with access to a town or village centre is likely to result in a positive effect on the vitality and viability of settlements as residents of new developments could be expected to support their local retail, leisure and other service provision. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support town and village centres.
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Will it provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Will it provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	0	0	0	Development of sites could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. This proposal has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this objective.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: A local labour supply will help to deliver economic growth across the plan area. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support sustainable economic growth.
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Will it meet the employment needs of local people? • Will it increase economic activity levels? • Will it improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Will it support higher income levels for local residents?	+	+	+	The proposal could facilitate residential development within 30 minutes travel time of existing employment provision. This proposal has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Ensuring a sufficient supply of homes within easy access of employment is a central element of an efficiently functioning economy. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support sustainable economic growth.

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Summary of significant effects: By consolidating growth in the rural areas into a large strategic site, this option may be expected to help enable the delivery of a range of types and tenures of new homes, making a significant contribution to meeting the needs of the whole community. The option could also make a significant contribution to the delivery of affordable homes. This is likely to result in positive effects on a number of settlement centres and may help support opportunities for investment in infrastructure, including in culture and tourism, with positive effects on the local economy. Consolidating growth may also have positive effects on the local economy through helping to bring forward regeneration opportunities. The identified strategic site at Blythe Bridge would deliver development in proximity to the District's only railway station. Blythe Bridge is on the Crewe - Stoke - Derby line and this is likely to result in a positive effect on supporting the use of public transport. Blythe Bridge has a range of facilities and services including schools, play facilities, community library and general store and this is likely to result in positive effects on: improving access to jobs, services and facilities (which in turn is likely to advance equality of opportunity), improving access to health care, helping to safeguard the vitality and viability of town and village centres, providing support for pubic transport, walking and cycling and reducing the need to travel by car. Consolidation of growth in the rural areas within a strategic site helps to avoid reliance on a number of small or medium sized allocations in the larger villages and this is likely to help mitigate predicted effects on the District's ecological and GI networks and reduce the impact of disturbance of habitats by development. It will also help avoid the need to allocate sites in larger villages such as Ipstones, close to the national park and to European sites, helping reduce the risk of potential effects on such sites arising from recreational pressure. However dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that this option may lead to the deterioration of the settings of designated or non-designated heritage assets, applicants should be required to provide an NPPF compliant heritage statement. In addition, the option identifies a large development site in the rural areas and this risks leading to a negative effect on the character and appearance of Blythe Bridge. Likely negative effects on landscape character have also been identified, this identified strategic site falls within the "important landscape setting to settlement" and some sites required for this option may be assessed as being of some landscape sensitivity, however site-specific landscape mitigation measures may be available. The option has also been assessed as likely to result in negative effects in relation to loss of best and most versatile agricultural land, air quality and greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption arising from construction and occupation of new developments.					

Table 19.4 Assessment Table for Option 4: Strategic site release

1. 2014 Air Quality Progress Report for Staffordshire Moorlands District Council In fulfillment of Part IV of the Environment Act 1995 Local Air Quality Management; SMDC; November 2014
2. Staffordshire Moorlands Level 1 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) Update; AECOM Infrastructure and Environment UK Ltd; October 2015
3. Habitats Regulations Assessment; Staffordshire Moorlands Local Plan - Preferred OptionsJuly 2017; ClearLead Consulting Limited
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5. Landscape Character Assessment of Staffordshire Moorlands; Wardell Armstrong; 2010
6. Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study, August 2016; Wardell Armstrong

Preferred Option July 2017: Growth redirected to towns accompanied by strategic site release

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	Decision making criteria	Time-frame			Nature of effect; Comments	Justification; cumulative effects / mitigation measures
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SOCIAL						
1. To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.	• Will it make a positive contribution towards community cohesion? • Will it improve neighbourhood quality? • Will it ensure that there is adequate open space and support Green Infrastructure? • Will it minimise light and noise pollution? • Will it ensure that occupiers of buildings and spaces have sufficient natural light and appropriate levels of privacy?	+/?	+/?	+/?	This option relies on redirecting a small percentage of the share of development for the rural areas to the towns, reducing the proportion of growth allocated to a strategic site in the rural areas whilst still consolidating growth in the rural areas. Through consolidation the option restricts both Green Belt release and extensions into the countryside and this may help to mitigate any negative effects of development on the District's GI network. Allocation of smaller sites in some larger villages could enable the enhancement of any existing community facilities and services. In addition effects will be partly dependent on the implementation of Local Plan policies. Overall, this option has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective, although the exact effects are uncertain.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Community cohesion and local environmental quality are dependent on the design and tenure mix, as well as the location of new development. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that good standards of amenity and open space and Green Infrastructure are delivered as part of new housing development.
2. To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by	• Will it remove or minimise any disadvantages suffered by people due to their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion /	+	+	++	Since this option relies on the allocation of a strategic site to consolidate growth in the rural areas, it is expected to support infrastructure improvements supporting delivery of the site. This is likely to result in positive effects on improving access to jobs, services and facilities which could be expected to contribute to the advancement of equality of opportunity locally. However consolidating growth is likely to mean that some settlements receive a lower share of	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Equality of opportunity for all persons will be improved by any measure that has the effect of improving overall accessibility to jobs, services and facilities.

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	Decision making criteria	Time-frame			Nature of effect; Comments	Justification; cumulative effects / mitigation measures
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improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	belief, sex and sexual orientation? ● Will it help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.				growth, leading to a loss of any associated investment in some rural areas. This option proposes to increase Cheadle's share of growth from 22% to 25% and this may help to minimise the distance people need to travel. Overall, this option has been assessed as having a positive effect on this Objective.	**Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to help ensure that the needs of all members of the community can be addressed by helping to minimise the distance people need to travel to access education, employment, shopping and other key services and facilities.
3. To improve health and reduce health inequalities.	● Will it improve health or access to health facilities? ● Will it promote healthy lifestyles? ● Will it reduce health inequalities? ● Will it provide opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities including access to the countryside?	+	+	++	The identified strategic site is located within Blythe Bridge which has a GP surgery and opticians. This option could enable the delivery of new development in proximity to healthcare facilities and open space. Development on the edge of settlements may offer opportunities to enable improved recreational access to the countryside. Overall this option has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective, particularly in the long term.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Delivering new homes in proximity to existing healthcare services and open space will have a positive effect on health. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that new developments deliver opportunities to increase take up of sustainable transport choices and improvements to healthy travel networks, including increased opportunities for access to the countryside.
4. To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.	● Will it reduce actual levels of crime? ● Will it reduce fear of crime?	?	?	?	There is uncertainty as to the nature of effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the implementation of Local Plan policies.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Good design will help minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.

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	Decision making criteria	Time-frame			Nature of effect; Comments	Justification; cumulative effects / mitigation measures
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						Mitigation measures: Local Plan policies to ensure that new developments are well designed, creating safe places and reducing opportunities for anti-social behaviour.
5. To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.	• Will it provide an appropriate mix of housing to enable all needs to be met? • Will it enable people to meet their needs within their existing communities? • Will it ensure that people can afford their housing?	+	++	++	Identification of a strategic site within which to consolidate growth in the rural areas may be expected to help with deliverability. It could also be expected to help enable the delivery of a range of types and tenures, making a significant contribution to meeting the needs of the whole community. The option could also make a significant contribution to the delivery of affordable homes. This option has been assessed as having a very positive effect on this objective in the medium and long term.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Larger sites offer the most potential to deliver a range of types and tenures of new homes. Allocation of a single large site is more likely to deliver housing numbers than reliance on bringing forward a large number of smaller sites. **Mitigation measures**: Wider initiatives of the Council should be supported to help deliver additional affordable homes.
6. To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.	• Will it minimise impacts on existing traffic congestion? • Will it support the use of public transport? • Will it support safe walking and cycling? • Will it protect and improve access to the natural environment and support Green Infrastructure?	+	++	++	The identified strategic site at Blythe Bridge would deliver development in proximity to the District's only railway station. Blythe Bridge is on the Crewe - Stoke - Derby line and this is likely to result in a positive effect on supporting the use of public transport. Blythe Bridge has a range of facilities and services including schools, play facilities, community library and general store, helping to support the use of walking and cycling. This option is thus likely to lead to more positive effects than other options relying on delivering growth across a range of settlements with fewer facilities and	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Allocation of a strategic site close to a railway station and existing services and facilities will help to reduce the number of journeys made by car. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that developments support safe walking and cycling and improve access to the natural environment.

SA Objective	Option 4: Strategic Site release					
	Decision making criteria	Time-frame			Nature of effect; Comments	Justification; cumulative effects / mitigation measures
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					services. Overall this option has been assessed as having a long term positive effect on this objective.	
ENVIRONMENTAL						
7. To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.	• Will it reduce emissions of greenhouse gases particularly CO_2? • Will it increase energy efficiency? • Will it increase the use of renewable energy? • Will it ensure new development is in accessible locations in order to reduce the need for car use and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?	-	-	-	Development of the sites comprising this option could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption during both construction and occupation. The identified strategic site is within 1,500m of Blythe Bridge railway station. The option could also be expected to support the delivery of new development in proximity to existing services and facilities, helping to support the use of walking and cycling as well as public transport. Whilst this may help to reduce the need to travel by car, overall this option has been assessed as having a negative effect on this objective.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Even if individual properties are built to high environmental performance standards and delivered in sustainable locations, the total increase in number of dwellings and car journeys is likely to increase energy use and associated greenhouse gas emissions. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that high environmental design standards are supported and that developments are brought forward in accessible locations that support the use of sustainable forms of transport.
8. To improve air quality.	• Will it minimise emissions of airborne pollutants? • Will it maximise the removal of air pollutants (e.g. by trees)?	0	0	0	This option proposes to increase Cheadle's share of growth from 22% to 25% and whilst this may help to minimise the distance people need to travel to access key destinations, it may contribute to increased growth in or near to areas of existing poor air quality. Overall, this option has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this objective.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: The main areas identified in the District as being of poor air quality are the Cellarhead junction (between the A52 and A520); Ball Haye Street, Leek (a primary link road from Leek A53 to the A523 Macclesfield and Buxton Road) and Broad Street, Leek (a primary link road from Stoke on Trent)

SA Objective	Option 4: Strategic Site release					
	Decision making criteria	Time-frame			Nature of effect; Comments	Justification; cumulative effects / mitigation measures
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						(1) . Whilst the increase in number of dwellings and car journeys is likely to increase emission of airborne pollutants, development in the rural areas carries a lower risk that air quality may deteriorate in areas of existing low quality. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that developments include appropriate landscaping to aid removal of air pollutants.
9. To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.	• Is new development directed towards areas of least flood risk? • Will it reduce risk of flooding eg by encouraging the integration of mitigation measures such as SuDS into new development? • Will it protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources and help contribute to the objectives of the Water Framework Directive? • Will it encourage water efficiency and demand management?	0	0	0	The SFRA **(2)** confirms that there are few locations in which development would significantly increase fluvial flood risk elsewhere, due to the majority of potentially suitable sites for development being located within Flood Zone 1. However development of sites could be expected to lead to an increase in wastewater and reduction of natural drainage, although SuDs could be used to mitigate against this. Development could also be expected to lead to increased water demand within the District. Overall this option has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this objective.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Development will be permitted only where schemes meet development plan requirements for management of flood risk. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure that new developments are directed towards areas of least flood risk and incorporate SuDS wherever possible.

SA Objective	Option 4: Strategic Site release					
	Decision making criteria	Time-frame			Nature of effect; Comments	Justification; cumulative effects / mitigation measures
		ST	MT	LT		
10. To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs	• Will it protect and promote effective management of the district's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance? • Will it help contribute to Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan objectives? • Will it help deliver networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure?	0	0	0	This option relies on reducing the rural areas' share of the housing requirement and consolidating growth in the rural areas within a single strategic site, reducing the total number of allocations to be made in the rural areas overall. This may help to mitigate the potential for development to result in disturbance of habitats. However some impact on the District's ecological and GI networks remains likely. Consolidation into a strategic site is also expected to allow avoiding allocations in villages such as Ipstones that are close to a component of the Peak District Dales SAC and where development presents opportunities for effects from increased recreational pressure (3). Overall this option has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this objective.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Policies in the Local Plan will provide protection for biodiversity and for sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, but the cumulative impact of the development of a number of sites pose risks of disturbance that could not be reasonably mitigated. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure impacts on biodiversity are minimised and proposals provide net gains in biodiversity where possible. Implementation of measures recommended in the HRA of the Local Plan to ensure no adverse impacts on European sites.
11. To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.	• Will it safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Will it minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Will it reduce land contamination / instability? • Will it reduce the amount of derelict land? • Will it protect notable geological and geomorphological features?	-/?	--/?	--/?	The identified strategic site at Blythe Vale is indicated on the predictive map of Best and Most Versatile land as an area where more than 60% of the land is likely to be BMV, so the option could result in the loss of best and most versatile agricultural land. This option may also include allocation of sites that are assessed as being within Mineral Safeguarding Areas, so the proposal may lead to the loss of mineral resources. Overall this option has been assessed as having a significant negative effect on this objective, although the exact effects are uncertain.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Allocations will be mainly greenfield sites on the edge of settlements. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to ensure protection and enhancement of geologically important sites.

SA Objective	Option 4: Strategic Site release					
	Decision making criteria	Time-frame			Nature of effect; Comments	Justification; cumulative effects / mitigation measures
		ST	MT	LT		
12. To minimise the use of non-renewable resources.	• Will it reduce waste generation? • Will it maximise the re-use of existing buildings? • Will it increase the use of building materials from sustainable sources?	?	?	?	There is uncertainty as to the nature of effect and level of significance as this will be dependent on the implementation of Local Plan policies.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Policies in the Local Plan will encourage the re-use of existing buildings wherever possible. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support waste minimisation.
13. To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.	• Will it ensure the continued protection and enhancement of cultural and historic heritage assets (designated and non-designated assets) along with their settings? • Will it protect and reinforce the character and appearance of the district's towns and villages and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness and sense of place?	-/?	-/?	-/?	The identified strategic site at Blythe Vale has one Grade II Listed Building within the 400m buffer. It is considered that due to the topography of the landscape, there is no inter-visibility between the site and the asset and that development would be highly unlikely to adversely affect the setting of the heritage asset.[(4)]. However dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that other allocations under this option could lead to the deterioration of the setting of designated or non-designated heritage assets. Applicants should be required to provide an NPPF compliant heritage statement. The option reduces the proportion of growth allocated to a strategic site in the rural areas in comparison with option 4 and thus helps mitigate the identified risk of leading to a negative effect on the character and appearance of Blythe Vale. Overall this option has been assessed as having a negative effect on this objective although the exact nature of effects are uncertain.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Policies in the Local Plan will provide protection for heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings. However options that include a number of sites in close proximity to designated heritage assets increases the risk of development resulting in harm or loss to the significance of a designated heritage asset that could not be reasonably mitigated. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support protection and enhancement for the character of towns / villages; heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.

SA Objective	Option 4: Strategic Site release					
	Decision making criteria	Time-frame			Nature of effect; Comments	Justification; cumulative effects / mitigation measures
		ST	MT	LT		
14. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.	• Will it protect and enhance the character of the landscape and maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness? • Will it promote development on brownfield land? • Will it safeguard protected sites and provide opportunities for the enhancement of the natural environment identified in the NCA profiles?	-/?	-/?	-/?	The identified strategic site at Blythe Vale lies partly within the important landscape setting to the settlement.(5). This option is also likely to include sites assessed as being of some landscape sensitivity (6), and are likely to risk an effect on local landscape character or the setting of the Peak District National Park, however site-specific landscape mitigation measures may be available. Overall this option has been assessed as having a negative effect on this objective, although exact effects are uncertain.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Policies in the Local Plan will provide protection for landscape character and natural assets. However options that include a number of sites that contribute to the current landscape setting to the settlement increases the risk of resulting in an adverse effect on the character of landscapes, including historic landscapes, that could not be reasonably mitigated. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support protection and enhancement of the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.
15. To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.	• Will it support the development of a vibrant cultural economy and local distinctiveness? • Does it help support tourism and the visitor economy?	+	+	+	This option relies on delivery of a strategic site in place of a number of small sites across a number of villages and this may help support opportunities for infrastructure investment, including in culture and tourism that could result in positive effects on the local economy.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Consolidating growth into a single site may support infrastructure improvements that could benefit tourism and the visitor economy. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support tourism and the visitor economy.
ECONOMIC						

SA Objective	Option 4: Strategic Site release					
	Decision making criteria	Time-frame			Nature of effect; Comments	Justification; cumulative effects / mitigation measures
		ST	MT	LT		
16. To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy	• Will it safeguard shops and services in existing centres? • Will it safeguard and improve the retail, leisure and service provision?	+	+	+	This option relies on delivery of a strategic site in the rural areas and this may help bring forward regeneration opportunities. Overall the proposal has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Development of residential sites with access to a town or village centre is likely to result in a positive effect on the vitality and viability of settlements as residents of new developments could be expected to support their local retail, leisure and other service provision. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support town and village centres.
17. To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth	• Will it provide a balanced portfolio of employment land in sustainable locations? • Will it provide opportunities for the creation of new businesses and/or minimise the loss or displacement of existing businesses?	0	0	0	Development of sites could encourage investment in people and infrastructure through developer contributions although this would be limited. This proposal has been assessed as having a neutral effect on this objective.	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: A local labour supply will help to deliver economic growth across the plan area. **Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support sustainable economic growth.
18. To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment	• Will it meet the employment needs of local people?	+	+	+	Under this option Cheadle's share of the District's housing requirement is increased and this together with consolidation of growth in the rural areas to a well connected site could facilitate residential development within 30 minutes travel time of existing employment	**Geographical scale**: Local Plan area; **Effects**: Permanent; **Assumptions made**: Ensuring a sufficient supply of homes within easy access of employment is a central element of an efficiently functioning economy.

SA Objective	Option 4: Strategic Site release					
	Decision making criteria	Time-frame			Nature of effect; Comments	Justification; cumulative effects / mitigation measures
		ST	MT	LT		
	• Will it increase economic activity levels? • Will it improve physical accessibility to jobs? • Will it support higher income levels for local residents?				provision. Overall this option has been assessed as having a positive effect on this objective.	**Mitigation measures**: Local Plan policies to support sustainable economic growth.

Summary of significant effects:

Increasing Cheadle's share of the District's housing requirement and reducing the proportion of growth allocated to a strategic site in the rural areas is expected to help enable the delivery of a range of types and tenures of new homes, making a significant contribution to meeting the needs of the whole community. The option could also make a significant contribution to the delivery of affordable homes. This is likely to result in positive effects on a number of settlement centres and may help support opportunities for investment in infrastructure, including in culture and tourism, with positive effects on the local economy. Consolidating growth may also have positive effects on the local economy through helping to bring forward regeneration opportunities. The identified strategic site at Blythe Bridge would deliver development in proximity to the District's only railway station. Blythe Bridge is on the Crewe - Stoke - Derby line and this is likely to result in a positive effect on supporting the use of public transport. Blythe Bridge has a range of facilities and services including a GP Surgery, schools, play facilities, community library and general store and this is likely to result in positive effects on improving access to services and facilities (which in turn is likely to advance equality of opportunity). Under this Option, Cheadle's share of the District's housing requirement is increased and this together with consolidation of growth in the rural areas to a well connected site is expected to help improve accessibility to jobs.

Consolidation of growth in the rural areas within a strategic site helps to avoid reliance on a number of small or medium sized allocations in the larger villages and this is likely to help mitigate predicted effects on the District's ecological and GI networks and reduce the impact of disturbance of habitats by development. It will also help avoid the need to allocate sites in larger villages such as Ipstones, close to the national park and to European sites, helping reduce the risk of potential effects on such sites arising from recreational pressure. However dependent on proposal specific information, there is scope that this option may lead to the deterioration of the settings of designated or non-designated heritage assets, applicants should be required to provide an NPPF compliant heritage statement. In comparison with option 4, this option reduces the proportion of growth allocated to a strategic site in the rural areas and this is expected to help mitigate the risk of leading to a negative effect on the character and appearance of Blythe Bridge. Likely negative effects on landscape character have also been identified, the identified strategic site falls within the "important landscape setting to settlement" and some sites required for this option may be assessed as being of some landscape sensitivity, however site-specific landscape mitigation measures may be available. The option has also been assessed as likely to result in negative effects in relation to loss of best and most versatile agricultural land, air quality and greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption arising from construction and occupation of new developments.

Table 19.5 Assessment table for preferred option July 2017

1. 2014 Air Quality Progress Report for Staffordshire Moorlands District Council In fulfillment of Part IV of the Environment Act 1995 Local Air Quality Management; SMDC; November 2014
2. Staffordshire Moorlands Level 1 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) Update; AECOM Infrastructure and Environment UK Ltd; October 2015
3. Habitats Regulations Assessment; Staffordshire Moorlands Local Plan - Preferred OptionsJuly 2017; ClearLead Consulting Limited

4. Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study, August 2016; Wardell Armstrong
5. Landscape Character Assessment of Staffordshire Moorlands; Wardell Armstrong; 2010
6. Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study, August 2016; Wardell Armstrong

Appraisal of preferred option policies

20 Appraisal of preferred option policies

20.1 The methodology used to appraise policies in the Local Plan was drawn from that set out in the SA Scoping report and based on the SA Framework. These appraisals were carried out on initial policy drafts in November and December 2016.

Scoring of options

Score	
++	The allocation will have a very positive impact on the sustainability objective
+	The allocation will have a slightly positive impact on the sustainability objective
0	The allocation will have a negligible or neutral impact on the sustainability objective. A recorded neutral effect does not necessarily mean that there will be no effect at the project level, but shows that at this strategic level there are no identifiable effects.
-	The allocation will have a slightly negative impact on the sustainability objective
--	The allocation will have a very negative impact on the sustainability objective
i	The outcome could be dependent on implementation, or more detail is required to make an assessment
?	The impact of an issue cannot be predicted at this stage

Table 20.1 Scoring of options

20.2 Different components within an option may generate varying impacts. This is indicated by "/".

Key to Table

- ST: Short term = 0 - 5 years
- MT: Medium term = 5 - 10 years
- LT: Long term = over 10 years

20.1 Strategic policies

Preferred Option Policy SS1 Development Principles

SA Framework		Preferred Option Policy: SS1 Development Principles				
Summary of Baseline Situation	**SA Objective**	**Predicted Effects**				**Assumptions and mitigation**
		Nature of Effect	**ST**	**MT**	**LT**	**Justification for assessment**
Social: Need to address: Implications of an increasingly ageing population; Meeting identified housing need, including the need for affordable homes and provision of an appropriate mix of house types and tenures; Reducing health inequalities; Opportunities to improve the health of older people through appropriate housing and access to community facilities and services;	1 Community cohesion and neighbourhood quality	Development principles are designed to secure high quality, attractive and well maintained environments, this could enable significant improvements to the social and environmental quality of the neighbourhood in the medium to long term.	+	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent:** Permanent **Assumptions made**:Design principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions. **Mitigation**: The policy could make reference to enhancement of the District's GI network.
	2 Improving access to jobs, services and facilities	Policy seeks to deliver easy access to jobs, shops and transport services by all sections of the community, this is likely to lead to significant positive effects.	++	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	3 Improve health and reduce health inequalities	Policy seeks to deliver quality local health-care which could result in the delivery of new health-care facilities.	+	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Appropriate proposals come forward in the plan period.
	4 Minimise opportunities for crime and reduce fear of crime	Policy seeks to deliver a safe environment and may lead to a reduction in the level of crime and fear of crime through design and or other safety measures.	+	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Design principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	5 Ensure supply new homes to meet local needs including affordable / social / extra care	Policy intention is to secure a mix of types and tenures of quality, affordable homes, including starter homes to meet needs and	++	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions**

SA Framework		Preferred Option Policy: SS1 Development Principles				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Quantity, quality and accessibility of sports and recreation facilities, including open space; Any shortfall in school places; Creation of accessible and safe public and private environments; Modal shift away from journeys by car; Measures that reduce the need to travel; Accessibility for those without a car is maintained and improved.		could make a significant contribution to meeting the needs of the whole community.				**made**:Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions. **Mitigation**: The policy could reference needs of older people, including for extra care provision.
	6 Reduce number of journeys made by car	Policy requires a sequential approach to the sustainable location of development and easy access to services and facilities which could help to reduce the number of journeys made by car.	+	+	+	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: A sequential approach will help to focus development close to existing communities. **Mitigation**: Policy could refer to strengthening links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport.

SA Framework		Preferred Option Policy: SS1 Development Principles				
Summary of Baseline Situation	**SA Objective**	**Predicted Effects**				**Assumptions and mitigation**
		Nature of Effect	**ST**	**MT**	**LT**	**Justification for assessment**
Environmental Need to address: Climate change as a key sustainability issue; Use of areas in flood zone 1 and away from sources of risk; Support for the re-use of construction or construction waste materials; Retention of the distinctive character of the landscape with any change managed positively; Requirement to carry out an Appropriate Assessment of land use plans affecting Natura 2000 sites (HRA);	7 Minimise contributions to climate change, consider climate change adaptation	Policy requires development that contributes effectively to tackling climate change and reduced carbon emissions. More information is required in order to assess the impact of the policy on greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption.	i	i	i	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: New development will lead to an increase in energy use and carbon emissions. Energy efficiency of new build development will be addressed at planning application stage and through building regulations. **Mitigation**: Policy should seek to mitigate the impacts of climate change through supporting delivery of renewable and low carbon forms of energy.
	8 Improve air quality	Policy intention is the creation of a healthy environment. More information is required to assess how the delivery of new development under this policy would impact on air quality targets and the performance of identified areas of poor air quality.	i	i	i	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: No Air Quality Management Areas have been declared in the district. **Mitigation**: The location of identified areas of poor air quality should be a factor in considering preferred locations for new development. Delivery of significant soft landscape features should be required.
	9 Reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources	All new development will address flood risk mitigation / adaptation.	i	i	i	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: The impact of new development on flood risk will be managed through the planning application progress and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	10 Conserve and enhance biodiversity	The policy seeks to make effective use of previously developed land and to secure development that protects and enhances the natural and historic environment. Significance of effect is dependent on implementation of the policy.	i	i	i	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on biodiversity will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.

SA Framework		Preferred Option Policy: SS1 Development Principles				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Scope for protecting and enhancing habitats of importance for nature conservation, with creation of new habitats where possible; The risk of adverse effects on historic assets; Need for better quality facilities for tourists including serviced accommodation and improved evening economy in towns.	11 Safeguard geological resources including the best and most versatile agricultural land	The policy seeks to make effective use of previously developed land and to secure development that protects and enhances the natural and historic environment. Significance of effect is dependent on implementation of the policy.	i	i	i	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on geological resources will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	12 Minimise the use of non-renewable resources	Policy requires development that secures effective use of resources including making best use of existing buildings.	+	+	+	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	13 Protect and enhance character of towns / villages; heritage assets and their settings	Policy requires development that maintains the distinctive character of the District's towns and villages and their settings.	++	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	14 Protect and enhance character / appearance of landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets	Policy requires development that protects and enhances the natural and historic environment of the District.	++	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.

SA Framework		Preferred Option Policy: SS1 Development Principles				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
	15 Encourage sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness	Taking account of the distinctive character of the District, including its natural and historic environment will support and strengthen Staffordshire Moorlands tourism attraction and help to maintain the visitor economy.	+	+	+	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Tourism would be negatively impacted by a decline in the natural and built environment.
Economic Need to address Meeting local employment needs to achieve self-sufficient communities; Initiatives to encourage further employment development and retention / expansion of existing businesses; Diversification of the economic base to improve employment opportunities; Safeguarding good quality employment sites	16 Safeguard vitality of towns and sustain vibrant rural economy	Policy intent is to create sustainable, self-sufficient settlements encouraging a strong, prosperous and diverse economy and this could lead to enhancing the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages.	+	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale of effect**: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent** Permanent **Assumptions made**:Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	17 Sustainable economic growth and diversification of the economy	Policy intent is to create sustainable, self-sufficient settlements encouraging a strong, prosperous and diverse economy and this could lead to investment in business, people and infrastructure, resulting in a strengthened and more diversified economy.	+	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**:Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	18 High and stable level of employment	Policy intent is to create sustainable, self-sufficient settlements encouraging a strong, prosperous and diverse economy and this could facilitate the delivery of new employment opportunities, or residential development in close proximity to existing local employment provision, depending on implementation.	i	i	i	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**:Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.

SA Framework		Preferred Option Policy: SS1 Development Principles				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
from development for other uses; Provision of relevant employment skills, training and support to help retain and develop a local workforce; Maintaining the vitality and viability of the towns and protection of the towns as service centres; Measures to encourage people to shop in the area; Enhancement of local distinctiveness; Protection of the retail function in the heart of the town centres.						

SA Framework		Preferred Option Policy: SS1 Development Principles				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Summary of significant effects of policy: Policy SS1 Development Principles expects development to contribute positively to the social, economic and environmental improvement of the District in partnership with other agencies and services. All proposals for development will be considered in the context of the District-wide spatial strategy. Significant positive effects include the likelihood of improvements to the social and environmental quality of the neighbourhood and improved access to jobs, services and facilities. Policy intent is to secure a mix of types and tenures of quality, affordable homes, including starter homes and this could make a significant contribution to meeting the needs of the whole community. Further positive effects are likely to result from the intentions to maintain the distinctive character of the District's towns and villages and their settings; to protect and enhance the natural and historic environment of the District and to create sustainable, self-sufficient settlements encouraging a strong, prosperous and diverse economy. Whilst no significant negative effects were predicted, a number of policy improvements were identified as follows: **Mitigation:** The policy could make reference to enhancement of the District's GI network and to the needs of older people, including for extra care provision. The policy should seek to mitigate the impacts of climate change through supporting delivery of renewable and low carbon forms of energy. The location of identified areas of poor air quality should be a factor in considering preferred locations for new development and the delivery of significant soft landscape features should be required to help maximise the removal of air pollutants where necessary. The Policy could refer to strengthening links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport.					

Table 20.2 Assessment Table for Preferred Option Policy SS1

Preferred Option Policy SS2 Presumption in Favour of Sustainable Development

SA Framework		SS2 Presumption in Favour of Sustainable Development				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Social: Need to address: Implications of an increasingly ageing population;	1 Community cohesion and neighbourhood quality	The Council will take a positive approach that reflects the presumption in favour of sustainable development contained in the NPPF, this could enable significant improvements to the social and environmental quality of the neighbourhood in the medium to long term.	+	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent:** Permanent **Assumptions made**:Design principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.

SA Framework		SS2 Presumption in Favour of Sustainable Development				
Summary of Baseline Situation	**SA Objective**	**Predicted Effects**				**Assumptions and mitigation**
		Nature of Effect	**ST**	**MT**	**LT**	**Justification for assessment**
Meeting identified housing need, including the need for affordable homes and provision of an appropriate mix of house types and tenures; Reducing health inequalities; Opportunities to improve the health of older people through appropriate housing and access to community facilities and services; Quantity, quality and accessibility of sports and recreation facilities, including open space; Any shortfall in school places;	2 Improving access to jobs, services and facilities	The Council will take a positive approach that reflects the presumption in favour of sustainable development contained in the NPPF, this is likely to lead to significant positive effects to advance equality of opportunity and reduce social exclusion.	++	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	3 Improve health and reduce health inequalities	The Council will take a positive approach that reflects the presumption in favour of sustainable development contained in the NPPF and this could result in the delivery of new health-care facilities.	+	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Appropriate proposals come forward in the plan period.
	4 Minimise opportunities for crime and reduce fear of crime	The Council will take a positive approach that reflects the presumption in favour of sustainable development contained in the NPPF, and this may lead to a reduction in the level of crime and fear of crime through design and or other safety measures.	+	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Design principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	5 Ensure supply new homes to meet local needs including affordable / social / extra care	The Council will take a positive approach that reflects the presumption in favour of sustainable development contained in the NPPF, and this could make a significant contribution to meeting the housing needs of the whole community.	++	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	6 Reduce number of journeys made by car	The Council will take a positive approach that reflects the presumption in favour of sustainable development contained in the NPPF which could help to reduce the number of journeys made by car.	+	+	+	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: A sequential approach will help to focus development close to existing communities.

SA Framework		SS2 Presumption in Favour of Sustainable Development				
Summary of Baseline Situation	**SA Objective**	**Predicted Effects**				**Assumptions and mitigation**
		Nature of Effect	**ST**	**MT**	**LT**	**Justification for assessment**
Creation of accessible and safe public and private environments; Modal shift away from journeys by car; Measures that reduce the need to travel; Accessibility for those without a car is maintained and improved.						
Environmental Need to address: Climate change as a key sustainability issue; Use of areas in flood zone 1 and away from sources of risk;	7 Minimise contributions to climate change, consider climate change adaptation	The Council will take a positive approach that reflects the presumption in favour of sustainable development contained in the NPPF, however more information is required in order to assess the impact of the policy on greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption.	i	i	i	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: New development will lead to an increase in energy use and carbon emissions. Energy efficiency of new build development will be addressed at planning application stage and through building regulations.
	8 Improve air quality	The Council will take a positive approach that reflects the presumption in favour of sustainable development contained in the NPPF however more information is required to assess how the delivery of new development under this policy would impact on air quality targets and the performance of identified areas of poor air quality.	i	i	i	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: No Air Quality Management Areas have been declared in the district.

SA Framework		SS2 Presumption in Favour of Sustainable Development				
Summary of Baseline Situation	**SA Objective**	**Predicted Effects**				**Assumptions and mitigation**
		Nature of Effect	**ST**	**MT**	**LT**	**Justification for assessment**
Support for the re-use of construction or construction waste materials; Retention of the distinctive character of the landscape with any change managed positively; Requirement to carry out an Appropriate Assessment of land use plans affecting Natura 2000 sites (HRA); Scope for protecting and enhancing habitats of importance for nature conservation, with creation of new habitats where possible;	9 Reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources	The Council will take a positive approach that reflects the presumption in favour of sustainable development contained in the NPPF and all new development will address flood risk mitigation / adaptation.	i	i	i	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: The impact of new development on flood risk will be managed through the planning application progress and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	10 Conserve and enhance biodiversity	The Council will take a positive approach that reflects the presumption in favour of sustainable development contained in the NPPF which is likely to help protect and enhance the natural and historic environment.	+	+	+	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on biodiversity will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	11 Safeguard geological resources including the best and most versatile agricultural land	The Council will take a positive approach that reflects the presumption in favour of sustainable development contained in the NPPF which is likely to secure development that protects and enhances geological resources. Significance of effect is dependent on implementation of the policy.	i	i	i	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on geological resources will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	12 Minimise the use of non-renewable resources	The Council will take a positive approach that reflects the presumption in favour of sustainable development contained in the NPPF and this is likely to lead to development that secures effective use of resources including making best use of existing buildings.	+	+	+	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	13 Protect and enhance character of towns / villages; heritage assets and their settings	The Council will take a positive approach that reflects the presumption in favour of sustainable development contained in the NPPF and this is likely to lead to development that maintains the distinctive character of the District's towns and villages and their settings.	++	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.

SA Framework		SS2 Presumption in Favour of Sustainable Development				
Summary of Baseline Situation	**SA Objective**	**Predicted Effects**				**Assumptions and mitigation**
		Nature of Effect	**ST**	**MT**	**LT**	**Justification for assessment**
The risk of adverse effects on historic assets; Need for better quality facilities for tourists including serviced accommodation and improved evening economy in towns.	14 Protect and enhance character / appearance of landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets	Policy requires development that protects and enhances the natural and historic environment of the District.	++	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	15 Encourage sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness	The Council will take a positive approach that reflects the presumption in favour of sustainable development contained in the NPPF which is likely to help support and strengthen Staffordshire Moorlands tourism attraction and help to maintain the visitor economy.	+	+	+	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Tourism would be negatively impacted by a decline in the natural and built environment.
Economic Need to address Meeting local employment needs to achieve self-sufficient communities; Initiatives to encourage further	16 Safeguard vitality of towns and sustain vibrant rural economy	The Council will take a positive approach that reflects the presumption in favour of sustainable development contained in the NPPF and this is likely to help create sustainable, self-sufficient settlements encouraging a strong, prosperous and diverse economy.	+	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale of effect**: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent** Permanent **Assumptions made**:Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	17 Sustainable economic growth and diversification of the economy	The Council will take a positive approach that reflects the presumption in favour of sustainable development contained in the NPPF and this is likely to lead to investment in business, people and infrastructure, resulting in a strengthened and more diversified economy.	+	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**:Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.

SA Framework		SS2 Presumption in Favour of Sustainable Development				
Summary of Baseline Situation	**SA Objective**	**Predicted Effects**				**Assumptions and mitigation**
		Nature of Effect	**ST**	**MT**	**LT**	**Justification for assessment**
employment development and retention / expansion of existing businesses; Diversification of the economic base to improve employment opportunities; Safeguarding good quality employment sites from development for other uses; Provision of relevant employment skills, training and support to help retain and develop a local workforce; Maintaining the vitality and viability of the towns and protection of the towns as service centres;	18 High and stable level of employment	The Council will take a positive approach that reflects the presumption in favour of sustainable development contained in the NPPF and this could facilitate the delivery of new employment opportunities, or residential development in close proximity to existing local employment provision, depending on implementation.	i	i	i	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**:Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.

SA Framework		SS2 Presumption in Favour of Sustainable Development				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Measures to encourage people to shop in the area; Enhancement of local distinctiveness; Protection of the retail function in the heart of the town centres.						
Summary of significant effects of policy: Policy SS2 Presumption in favour of sustainable development sets out how the Council will work with applicants to facilitate development that improves the economic, social and environmental conditions of Staffordshire Moorlands. Significant positive effects were identified. Since the Policy reflects the presumption in favour of sustainable development set out in the NPPF, no mitigation measures were identified.						

Table 20.3 Assessment Table for Preferred Option Policy SS2

Preferred Option Policy SS3 Future Provision and Distribution of Development

SA Framework		SS3 Future provision and distribution of development				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Social: Need to address: Implications of an increasingly ageing population; Meeting identified housing need, including the need for affordable homes and provision of an appropriate mix of house types and tenures; Reducing health inequalities; Opportunities to improve the health of older people through appropriate housing and access to community facilities and services;	1 Community cohesion and neighbourhood quality	Provision will be made for new retail, transport, recreational and community facilities and this could enable significant improvements to the social and environmental quality of the neighbourhood in the medium to long term.	+	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent:** Permanent **Assumptions made**: Appropriate proposals come forward.
	2 Improving access to jobs, services and facilities	Development will be located in accordance with the spatial strategy which supports the focus of growth in the towns with adequate provision in the rural areas to support local communities.	+	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	3 Improve health and reduce health inequalities	Provision will be made for new recreational and community facilities and this may help to support healthy lifestyles.	+	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Appropriate proposals come forward in the plan period.
	4 Minimise opportunities for crime and reduce fear of crime	This SA objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Design principles enforced at planning application stage will address this objective.
	5 Ensure supply new homes to meet local needs including affordable / social / extra care	Provision of new homes to meet the objectively assessed needs of the District is likely to make a significant contribution to meeting the needs of the whole community.	++	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Delivery of affordable homes will be managed through other policies in the Plan.

SA Framework		SS3 Future provision and distribution of development				
Summary of Baseline Situation	**SA Objective**	**Predicted Effects**				**Assumptions and mitigation**
		Nature of Effect	**ST**	**MT**	**LT**	**Justification for assessment**
Quantity, quality and accessibility of sports and recreation facilities, including open space; Any shortfall in school places; Creation of accessible and safe public and private environments; Modal shift away from journeys by car; Measures that reduce the need to travel; Accessibility for those without a car is maintained and improved.	6 Reduce number of journeys made by car	Development will be located in accordance with the spatial strategy to help ensure new homes are built in sustainable locations where access to services and facilities is considered.	+	+	+	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Development will be focussed close to existing communities.
Environmental Need to address:	7 Minimise contributions to climate change, consider climate change adaptation	New development will result in increased energy use and greenhouse gas emissions however the spatial strategy will help to manage this through controlling locations.	I/-	I/-	I/--	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions**

SA Framework		SS3 Future provision and distribution of development				
Summary of Baseline Situation	**SA Objective**	**Predicted Effects**				**Assumptions and mitigation**
		Nature of Effect	**ST**	**MT**	**LT**	**Justification for assessment**
Climate change as a key sustainability issue; Use of areas in flood zone 1 and away from sources of risk; Support for the re-use of construction or construction waste materials; Retention of the distinctive character of the landscape with any change managed positively; Requirement to carry out an Appropriate Assessment of land use plans affecting Natura 2000 sites (HRA); Scope for protecting and enhancing						**made**: New development will lead to an increase in energy use and carbon emissions. Energy efficiency of new build development will be addressed at planning application stage and through building regulations.
	8 Improve air quality	This SA objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: No Air Quality Management Areas have been declared in the district.
	9 Reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources	All new development will address flood risk mitigation / adaptation.	i	i	i	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: The impact of new development on flood risk will be managed through the planning application progress and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	10 Conserve and enhance biodiversity	All new development will address impacts on biodiversity.	i	i	i	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on biodiversity will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	11 Safeguard geological resources including the best and most versatile agricultural land	All new development will address impacts on geological resources including the best and most versatile agricultural land.	i	i	i	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on geological resources will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.

SA Framework		SS3 Future provision and distribution of development				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
habitats of importance for nature conservation, with creation of new habitats where possible; The risk of adverse effects on historic assets; Need for better quality facilities for tourists including serviced accommodation and improved evening economy in towns.	12 Minimise the use of non-renewable resources	This SA objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will address this objective.
	13 Protect and enhance character of towns / villages; heritage assets and their settings	Provision of new development will need to be managed in order to control any risk of the deterioration of cultural and historic heritage assets or their settings and any potential loss of local character and distinctiveness.	i/-	i/-	i/-	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Design principles and policies enforced at planning application stage will help to ensure protection of townscape, heritage assets and their settings.
	14 Protect and enhance character / appearance of landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets	Provision of new development will need to be managed in order to control any risk of adverse effects on landscape character, an area of historic landscape value or other natural asset that could not be reasonably mitigated.	i/-	i/-	i/-	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Design principles and policies enforced at planning application stage will help to ensure protection of the character of the landscape and natural assets.
	15 Encourage sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness	Policy will not directly support tourism however provision of more homes across the plan area will support town centre economies which in turn will help to maintain the visitor economy.	0/+	0/+	0/+	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Tourism would be negatively impacted by a decline in the natural and built environment.
Economic Need to address	16 Safeguard vitality of towns and sustain vibrant rural economy	Provision of new homes will help to enhance the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages. Lower housing targets would have less of a positive impact on vitality and viability.	+	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale of effect**: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent** Permanent **Assumptions made**: Provision of new homes will help support sustainable, self-sufficient settlements.

SA Framework		SS3 Future provision and distribution of development				
Summary of Baseline Situation	**SA Objective**	**Predicted Effects**				**Assumptions and mitigation**
		Nature of Effect	**ST**	**MT**	**LT**	**Justification for assessment**
Meeting local employment needs to achieve self-sufficient communities; Initiatives to encourage further employment development and retention / expansion of existing businesses; Diversification of the economic base to improve employment opportunities; Safeguarding good quality employment sites from development for other uses; Provision of relevant employment skills, training and support to help retain and develop a local workforce;						
	17 Sustainable economic growth and diversification of the economy	Provision will be made for at least 35 hectares of additional employment land during the period 2011 - 2031, and this is likely to encourage investment in business, people and infrastructure.	+	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**:Permanent **Assumptions made**: Allocation of employment land will help deliver a strengthened and more diversified economy.
	18 High and stable level of employment	Provision of new homes and employment land to meet identified need could facilitate the delivery of new employment opportunities or residential development in close proximity to existing employment provision. A lack of new homes to accommodate growth may limit economic development through a fall in the labour force.	+	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**:Permanent **Assumptions made**: A good proportion of the residents of new homes will work locally and a proportion of new businesses will employ local people.

SA Framework		SS3 Future provision and distribution of development				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Maintaining the vitality and viability of the towns and protection of the towns as service centres; Measures to encourage people to shop in the area; Enhancement of local distinctiveness Protection of the retail function in the heart of the town centres.						
Summary of significant effects of policy: Policy SS3 Future Provision and Distribution of Development sets out that provision will be made for 6,080 additional dwellings in the plan area during the period 2012 to 2031. Provision will also be made for at least 35 hectares of additional employment land between 2011 and 2031 and for new retail, transport, recreational, community and tourism facilities and services to meet the identified needs of settlements. Significant positive effects include the likelihood of improvements to the social and environmental quality of the neighbourhood and improved access to jobs, services and facilities. Meeting objectively assessed housing need could make a significant contribution to meeting the needs of the whole community. Provision of new homes will help to enhance the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages. Lower housing targets would have less of a positive impact on vitality and viability. Provision of new homes and employment land to meet identified need could facilitate the delivery of new employment opportunities or residential development in close proximity to existing employment provision. A lack of new homes to accommodate growth may limit economic development through a fall in the labour force. No mitigation measures were identified.						

Table 20.4 Assessment Table for Preferred Option Policy SS3 Future Provision and Distribution of Development

Preferred Option Policy SS4 Strategic Housing Development

SA Framework		SS4 Strategic Housing Development				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Social: Need to address: Implications of an increasingly ageing population; Meeting identified housing need, including the need for affordable homes and provision of an appropriate mix of house types and tenures; Reducing health inequalities Opportunities to improve the health of older people through appropriate housing and access to community facilities and services;	1 Community cohesion and neighbourhood quality	This SA objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent:** Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will manage impacts on the quality of neighbourhoods.
	2 Improving access to jobs, services and facilities	Development will be located in accordance with the spatial strategy which supports the focus of growth in the towns with adequate provision in the rural areas to support local communities.	+	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	3 Improve health and reduce health inequalities	This SA objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will manage impacts on health and inequalities.
	4 Minimise opportunities for crime and reduce fear of crime	This SA objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Design principles enforced at planning application stage will address this objective.
	5 Ensure supply new homes to meet local needs including affordable / social / extra care	Provision of new homes to meet the objectively assessed needs of the District is likely to make a significant contribution to meeting the needs of the whole community.	++	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Delivery of affordable homes will be managed through other policies in the Plan.

SA Framework		SS4 Strategic Housing Development				
Summary of Baseline Situation	**SA Objective**	**Predicted Effects**				**Assumptions and mitigation**
		Nature of Effect	**ST**	**MT**	**LT**	**Justification for assessment**
Quantity, quality and accessibility of sports and recreation facilities, including open space; Any shortfall in school places Creation of accessible and safe public and private environments; Modal shift away from journeys by car; Measures that reduce the need to travel; Accessibility for those without a car is maintained and improved.	6 Reduce number of journeys made by car	Development will be located in accordance with the spatial strategy to help ensure new homes are built in sustainable locations where access to services and facilities is considered.	+	+	+	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Development will be focussed close to existing communities.
Environmental Need to address:	7 Minimise contributions to climate change, consider climate change adaptation	New development will result in increased energy use and greenhouse gas emissions however the spatial strategy will help to	I/-	I/-	I/--	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: New

SA Framework		SS4 Strategic Housing Development				
Summary of Baseline Situation	**SA Objective**	**Predicted Effects**				**Assumptions and mitigation**
		Nature of Effect	**ST**	**MT**	**LT**	**Justification for assessment**
Climate change as a key sustainability issue; Use of areas in flood zone 1 and away from sources of risk; Support for the re-use of construction or construction waste materials; Retention of the distinctive character of the landscape with any change managed positively; Requirement to carry out an Appropriate Assessment of land use plans affecting Natura 2000 sites (HRA); Scope for protecting and enhancing		manage this through controlling the location of new development.				development will lead to an increase in energy use and carbon emissions. Energy efficiency of new build development will be addressed at planning application stage and through building regulations.
	8 Improve air quality	This SA objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: No Air Quality Management Areas have been declared in the district.
	9 Reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources	All new development will address flood risk mitigation / adaptation.	i	i	i	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: The impact of new development on flood risk will be managed through the planning application progress and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	10 Conserve and enhance biodiversity	All new development will address impacts on biodiversity.	i	i	i	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on biodiversity will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	11 Safeguard geological resources including the best and most versatile agricultural land	All new development will address impacts on geological resources including the best and most versatile agricultural land.	i	i	i	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on geological resources will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.

SA Framework		SS4 Strategic Housing Development				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
habitats of importance for nature conservation, with creation of new habitats where possible; The risk of adverse effects on historic assets; Need for better quality facilities for tourists including serviced accommodation and improved evening economy in towns.	12 Minimise the use of non-renewable resources	This SA objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will address this objective.
	13 Protect and enhance character of towns / villages; heritage assets and their settings	Provision of new development will need to be managed in order to control any risk of the deterioration of cultural and historic heritage assets or their settings and any potential loss of local character and distinctiveness.	i/-	i/-	i/-	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Design principles and policies enforced at planning application stage will help to ensure protection of townscape, heritage assets and their settings.
	14 Protect and enhance character / appearance of landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets	Provision of new development will need to be managed in order to control any risk of adverse effects on landscape character, an area of historic landscape value or other natural asset that could not be reasonably mitigated.	i/-	i/-	i/-	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Design principles and policies enforced at planning application stage will help to ensure protection of the character of the landscape and natural assets.
	15 Encourage sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness	Policy will not directly support tourism however provision of more homes across the plan area will support town centre economies which in turn will help to maintain the visitor economy.	0/+	0/+	0/+	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Tourism would be negatively impacted by a decline in the natural and built environment.
Economic Need to address	16 Safeguard vitality of towns and sustain vibrant rural economy	Provision of new homes will help to enhance the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages. Lower housing targets would have less of a positive impact on vitality and viability.	+	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale of effect**: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent** Permanent **Assumptions made**: Provision of new homes will help support sustainable, self-sufficient settlements.

SA Framework		SS4 Strategic Housing Development				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Meeting local employment needs to achieve self-sufficient communities; Initiatives to encourage further employment development and retention / expansion of existing businesses; Diversification of the economic base to improve employment opportunities; Safeguarding good quality employment sites from development for other uses; Provision of relevant employment skills, training and support to help retain and develop a local workforce;						
	17 Sustainable economic growth and diversification of the economy	Development will be located in accordance with the spatial strategy to help ensure new homes are built in sustainable locations where access to employment opportunities is considered.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**:Permanent **Assumptions made**: Provision of new homes across the plan area will help to support the continued economic growth of the District.
	18 High and stable level of employment	Provision of new homes could facilitate residential development in close proximity to existing or new employment provision. A lack of new homes to accommodate growth may limit economic development through a fall in the labour force.	0	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**:Permanent **Assumptions made**: A good proportion of the residents of new homes will work locally and a proportion of new businesses will employ local people.

SA Framework		SS4 Strategic Housing Development				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Maintaining the vitality and viability of the towns and protection of the towns as service centres; Measures to encourage people to shop in the area; Enhancement of local distinctiveness; Protection of the retail function in the heart of the town centres.						
Summary of significant effects of policy: Policy SS4 Strategic Housing Development manages the release of housing land in order to deliver the level and distribution of development set out in other policies. Significant positive effects include helping to meet the housing needs of the whole community through enabling the Plan's objectively assessed housing need to be delivered. Provision of new homes will also help to enhance the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages. Lower housing targets would have less of a positive impact on vitality and viability and a lack of new homes may limit economic development through a fall in the labour force. No mitigation measures were identified.						

Table 20.5 Assessment Table for Preferred Option Policy SS4 Strategic Housing Development

Preferred Option Policy SS5 Towns

SA Framework		SS5 Towns				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Social: Need to address: Implications of an increasingly ageing population; Meeting identified housing need, including the need for affordable homes and provision of an appropriate mix of house types and tenures; Reducing health inequalities; Opportunities to improve the health of older people through appropriate housing and access to community facilities and services;	1 Community cohesion and neighbourhood quality	This SA objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent:** Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will manage impacts on the quality of neighbourhoods.
	2 Improving access to jobs, services and facilities	The three towns will accommodate the greatest proportion of the District's housing, employment and retail needs, the towns accommodate 50% of the District's current population and the majority of existing services and facilities.	+	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	3 Improve health and reduce health inequalities	This SA objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will manage impacts on health and inequalities.
	4 Minimise opportunities for crime and reduce fear of crime	This SA objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Design principles enforced at planning application stage will address this objective.
	5 Ensure supply new homes to meet local needs including affordable / social / extra care	Provision of new homes to meet the objectively assessed needs of the District is likely to make a significant contribution to meeting the needs of the whole community.	++	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Delivery of affordable homes will be managed through other policies in the Plan.

SA Framework		SS5 Towns				
Summary of Baseline Situation	**SA Objective**	**Predicted Effects**				**Assumptions and mitigation**
		Nature of Effect	**ST**	**MT**	**LT**	**Justification for assessment**
Quantity, quality and accessibility of sports and recreation facilities, including open space; Any shortfall in school places; Creation of accessible and safe public and private environments; Modal shift away from journeys by car; Measures that reduce the need to travel; Accessibility for those without a car is maintained and improved.	6 Reduce number of journeys made by car	Development will be located in accordance with the spatial strategy to help ensure new homes are built in sustainable locations where access to services and facilities is considered.	+	+	+	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Development will be focussed close to existing communities.
Environmental Need to address:	7 Minimise contributions to climate change, consider climate change adaptation	New development will result in increased energy use and greenhouse gas emissions however the spatial strategy will help to	l/-	l/-	l/--	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: New

SA Framework		SS5 Towns				
Summary of Baseline Situation	**SA Objective**	**Predicted Effects**				**Assumptions and mitigation**
		Nature of Effect	**ST**	**MT**	**LT**	**Justification for assessment**
Climate change as a key sustainability issue; Use of areas in flood zone 1 and away from sources of risk; Support for the re-use of construction or construction waste materials; Retention of the distinctive character of the landscape with any change managed positively; Requirement to carry out an Appropriate Assessment of land use plans affecting Natura 2000 sites (HRA); Scope for protecting and enhancing		manage this through controlling the location of new development.				development will lead to an increase in energy use and carbon emissions. Energy efficiency of new build development will be addressed at planning application stage and through building regulations.
	8 Improve air quality	This SA objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: No Air Quality Management Areas have been declared in the district.
	9 Reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources	All new development will address flood risk mitigation / adaptation.	i	i	i	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: The impact of new development on flood risk will be managed through the planning application progress and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	10 Conserve and enhance biodiversity	All new development will address impacts on biodiversity.	i	i	i	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on biodiversity will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	11 Safeguard geological resources including the best and most versatile agricultural land	All new development will address impacts on geological resources including the best and most versatile agricultural land.	i	i	i	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on geological resources will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.

SA Framework		SS5 Towns				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
habitats of importance for nature conservation, with creation of new habitats where possible; The risk of adverse effects on historic assets; Need for better quality facilities for tourists including serviced accommodation and improved evening economy in towns.	12 Minimise the use of non-renewable resources	This SA objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will address this objective.
	13 Protect and enhance character of towns / villages; heritage assets and their settings	Provision of new development will need to be managed in order to control any risk of the deterioration of cultural and historic heritage assets or their settings and any potential loss of local character and distinctiveness.	i/-	i/-	i/-	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Design principles and policies enforced at planning application stage will help to ensure protection of townscape, heritage assets and their settings.
	14 Protect and enhance character / appearance of landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets	Provision of new development will need to be managed in order to control any risk of adverse effects on landscape character, an area of historic landscape value or other natural asset that could not be reasonably mitigated.	i/-	i/-	i/-	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Design principles and policies enforced at planning application stage will help to ensure protection of the character of the landscape and natural assets.
	15 Encourage sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness	Policy will not directly support tourism however provision of more homes across the plan area will support town centre economies which in turn will help to maintain the visitor economy.	0/+	0/+	0/+	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Tourism would be negatively impacted by a decline in the natural and built environment.
Economic Need to address	16 Safeguard vitality of towns and sustain vibrant rural economy	Focussing growth within the three towns will help to enhance their vitality and viability. However it will be important to help strengthen links between rural areas and towns, including by sustainable forms of	+	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale of effect**: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent** Permanent **Assumptions made**: Provision of new homes will help support sustainable, self-sufficient settlements.

SA Framework		SS5 Towns				
Summary of Baseline Situation	**SA Objective**	**Predicted Effects**				**Assumptions and mitigation**
		Nature of Effect	**ST**	**MT**	**LT**	**Justification for assessment**
Meeting local employment needs to achieve self-sufficient communities; Initiatives to encourage further employment development and retention / expansion of existing businesses; Diversification of the economic base to improve employment opportunities; Safeguarding good quality employment sites from development for other uses; Provision of relevant employment skills, training and support to help retain and develop a local workforce;		transport, to help sustain a vibrant rural economy also.				
	17 Sustainable economic growth and diversification of the economy	Development will be located in accordance with the spatial strategy to help ensure new homes are built in sustainable locations where access to employment opportunities is considered.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**:Permanent **Assumptions made**: Provision of new homes across the plan area will help to support the continued economic growth of the District.
	18 High and stable level of employment	Provision of new homes could facilitate residential development in close proximity to existing or new employment provision. A lack of new homes to accommodate growth may limit economic development through a fall in the labour force.	0	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**:Permanent **Assumptions made**: A good proportion of the residents of new homes will work locally and a proportion of new businesses will employ local people.

SA Framework		SS5 Towns				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Maintaining the vitality and viability of the towns and protection of the towns as service centres; Measures to encourage people to shop in the area; Enhancement of local distinctiveness; Protection of the retail function in the heart of the town centres.						
Summary of significant effects of policy: Policy SS5 Towns identifies Leek, Biddulph and Cheadle as towns, with these settlements accommodating the major proportion of the District's housing, employment and retail needs. Significant positive effects include helping to enhance the vitality and viability of the District's towns through strengthening their role as service centres. **Mitigation**: Whilst no significant negative effects were predicted, the appraisal notes that the Policy might be improved by including a reference to helping strengthen links between rural areas and towns, including by sustainable forms of transport, to help sustain a vibrant rural economy also.						

Table 20.6 Assessment Table for Preferred Option Policy SS5 Towns

Preferred Option Policy SS6 Leek Area Strategy

SA Framework		SS6 Leek Area Strategy				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Social: Need to address: Implications of an increasingly ageing population; Meeting identified housing need, including the need for affordable homes and provision of an appropriate mix of house types and tenures; Reducing health inequalities Opportunities to improve the health of older people through appropriate housing and access to community facilities and services;	1 Community cohesion and neighbourhood quality	Area strategy could enable the delivery of new, and the enhancement of existing community facilities and services and could enable improvements to the social and environmental quality of the neighbourhoods.	+	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Leek **Temporary / Permanent:** Permanent **Assumptions made**:Design principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions. **Mitigation**: The policy should refer to the District's GI Strategy.
	2 Improving access to jobs, services and facilities	Policy seeks to strengthen the role of Leek as a principal service and retailing centre for the District and this is likely to lead to significant positive effects.	++	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Leek **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	3 Improve health and reduce health inequalities	Policy seeks to deliver improved provision of health facilities, a Sports Village and increased access into the countryside by foot, cycling and horse riding.	+	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Leek **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Appropriate proposals come forward in the plan period. **Mitigation**: The policy should refer to the District's GI Strategy.
	4 Minimise opportunities for crime and reduce fear of crime	This will be managed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Leek **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Design principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	5 Ensure supply new homes to meet local needs including affordable / social / extra care	Policy intention is to continue to meet the housing needs of Leek and its rural hinterland by increasing the range of	++	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Leek **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Suitable,

SA Framework		SS6 Leek Area Strategy				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Quantity, quality and accessibility of sports and recreation facilities, including open space; Any shortfall in school places; Creation of accessible and safe public and private environments; Modal shift away from journeys by car; Measures that reduce the need to travel; Accessibility for those without a car is maintained and improved.		available and affordable house types, especially for first time buyers and older people.				deliverable housing sites come forward within the plan period and principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	6 Reduce number of journeys made by car	Policy seeks to promote measures to encourage walking and cycling and improve accessibility to the town's major retail, service and employment areas, particularly by public transport, from the rest of the District which could help to reduce the number of journeys made by car.	+	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Leek **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Sites in and around the town centre are available. **Mitigation**: Policy could refer to strengthening links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport.
Environmental Need to address:	7 Minimise contributions to climate change, consider climate change adaptation	More information is required in order to assess the impact of the policy on greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption.	i	i	i	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Leek **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: New

SA Framework		SS6 Leek Area Strategy				
Summary of Baseline Situation	**SA Objective**	**Predicted Effects**				**Assumptions and mitigation**
		Nature of Effect	**ST**	**MT**	**LT**	**Justification for assessment**
Climate change as a key sustainability issue; Use of areas in flood zone 1 and away from sources of risk; Support for the re-use of construction or construction waste materials; Retention of the distinctive character of the landscape with any change managed positively; Requirement to carry out an Appropriate Assessment of land use plans affecting Natura 2000 sites (HRA);						development will lead to an increase in energy use and carbon emissions. Energy efficiency of new build development will be addressed at planning application stage and through building regulations. **Mitigation**: Policy should seek to mitigate the impacts of climate change through supporting delivery of renewable and low carbon forms of energy.
	8 Improve air quality	More information is required to assess how the delivery of new development under this policy would impact on air quality targets and the performance of identified areas of poor air quality.	i	i	i	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Leek **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: No Air Quality Management Areas have been declared in the district. **Mitigation**: The location of identified areas of poor air quality should be a factor in considering preferred locations for new development. Delivery of significant soft landscape features should be required.
	9 Reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources	All new development will address flood risk mitigation / adaptation.	i	i	i	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Leek **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: The impact of new development on flood risk will be managed through the planning application progress and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	10 Conserve and enhance biodiversity	This will be managed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Leek **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on biodiversity will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	11	This will be managed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Leek **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any

SA Framework		SS6 Leek Area Strategy				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Scope for protecting and enhancing habitats of importance for nature conservation, with creation of new habitats where possible; The risk of adverse effects on historic assets Need for better quality facilities for tourists including serviced accommodation and improved evening economy in towns.	Safeguard geological resources including the best and most versatile agricultural land					impacts on geological resources will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	12 Minimise the use of non-renewable resources	This will be managed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Leek **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	13 Protect and enhance character of towns / villages; heritage assets and their settings	Policy seeks to promote Leek's special character and heritage.	++	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Leek **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	14 Protect and enhance character / appearance of landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets	Policy promotes environmental enhancements in and on the edges of the town centre.	+	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Leek **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions. **Mitgation**: Policy could refer to taking opportunities to enhance the character and appearance of the landscape, including the historic landscape, paying particular attention to the quality of the urban / rural interface.
	15 Encourage sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness	Policy supports strengthening the role of Leek as a visitor destination including by increasing tourist opportunities for visitors and this is likely to result in in positive effects on the visitor economy.	+	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Leek **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.

SA Framework		SS6 Leek Area Strategy				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Economic Need to address Meeting local employment needs to achieve self-sufficient communities; Initiatives to encourage further employment development and retention / expansion of existing businesses; Diversification of the economic base to improve employment opportunities; Safeguarding good quality employment sites from development for other uses; Provision of relevant employment skills, training and support to help	16 Safeguard vitality of towns and sustain vibrant rural economy	Policy intent is to strengthen the role of Leek as a principal service and retailing centre for the District including and this is likely to contribute to the safeguarding and improvement of shops and services.	+	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale of effect**: Leek **Temporary / Permanent** Permanent **Assumptions made**:Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	17 Sustainable economic growth and diversification of the economy	Policy intent is to create employment growth and increase the diversity of employment opportunities to meet existing and future needs and this is likely to lead to a strengthened and more diversified economy.	+	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Leek **Temporary / Permanent**:Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	18 High and stable level of employment	Policy seeks the comprehensive redevelopment of the Cornhill East area for employment and other employment site allocations in the town and this is likely to facilitate the delivery of new employment opportunities.	+	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Leek **Temporary / Permanent**:Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.

SA Framework		SS6 Leek Area Strategy				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
retain and develop a local workforce; Maintaining the vitality and viability of the towns and protection of the towns as service centres; Measures to encourage people to shop in the area; Enhancement of local distinctiveness; Protection of the retail function in the heart of the town centres.						
Summary of significant effects of policy: Policy SS6 Leek Area Strategy seeks to consolidate the role of Leek as the principal service centre and a market town and to support its regeneration. Policy intent is to increase the range of available and affordable house types, especially for first time buyers and older people and this is likely to make a significant contribution to meeting the housing needs of the whole community. Further positive effects are likely to result from the intentions to create employment growth and increase the diversity of employment opportunities; strengthen the role of Leek as a principal service and retailing centre for the District and to promote Leek's special character and heritage. Significant positive effects also include the likelihood of improvements to the social and environmental quality of neighbourhoods and improved access to jobs, services and facilities. Whilst no significant negative effects were predicted, a number of policy improvements were identified as follows:						

SA Framework		SS6 Leek Area Strategy				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Mitigation: The policy should refer to the District's GI Strategy and to strengthening links between rural areas and the town by sustainable forms of transport. The policy should seek to mitigate the impacts of climate change through supporting delivery of renewable and low carbon forms of energy. The policy should also refer to taking opportunities to enhance the character and appearance of the landscape, including the historic landscape, paying particular attention to the quality of the urban / rural interface.						

Table 20.7 Assessment Table for Preferred Option Policy SS6 Leek Area Strategy

Preferred Option Policy SS7 Biddulph Area Strategy

SA Framework		SS7 Biddulph Area Strategy				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Social: Need to address: Implications of an increasingly ageing population; Meeting identified housing need, including the need for affordable homes and provision of an appropriate mix of house types and tenures;	1 Community cohesion and neighbourhood quality	Policy seeks to upgrade the general environment of the town through landscaping and the improvement and creation of green spaces and this is likely to support improvements to the social and environmental quality of neighbourhoods.	+	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Biddulph **Temporary / Permanent:** Permanent **Assumptions made**:Design principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions. **Mitigation**: The policy should refer to the District's GI Strategy.
	2 Improving access to jobs, services and facilities	Policy seeks to enhance the role of Biddulph as a significant service and retailing centre for the District and this is likely to lead to significant positive effects.	++	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Biddulph **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	3 Improve health and reduce health inequalities	Policy seeks to increase the provision of health facilities and to provide a Sports Village.	+	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Biddulph **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Appropriate

SA Framework		SS7 Biddulph Area Strategy				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Reducing health inequalities; Opportunities to improve the health of older people through appropriate housing and access to community facilities and services; Quantity, quality and accessibility of sports and recreation facilities, including open space; Any shortfall in school places; Creation of accessible and safe public and private environments; Modal shift away from journeys by car;						proposals come forward in the plan period. **Mitigation**: The policy should refer to the District's GI Strategy, to improving and creating pedestrian and cycle links in the town and to increasing access into the countryside by foot, cycling and horse riding.
	4 Minimise opportunities for crime and reduce fear of crime	This will be managed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Biddulph **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Design principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	5 Ensure supply new homes to meet local needs including affordable / social / extra care	Policy intent is to increase the range of available and affordable house types, especially for first time buyers, families and older people, including extra care housing and this is likely to make a significant contribution to meeting the needs of the whole community.	++	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Biddulph **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Suitable, deliverable housing sites come forward within the plan period and principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	6 Reduce number of journeys made by car	Policy seeks to improve public transport connections to the town centre which could help to reduce the number of journeys made by car.	+	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Biddulph **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Partnership working can deliver these aims. **Mitigation**: Policy should support measures to encourage walking and cycling.

SA Framework		SS7 Biddulph Area Strategy				
Summary of Baseline Situation	**SA Objective**	**Predicted Effects**				**Assumptions and mitigation**
		Nature of Effect	**ST**	**MT**	**LT**	**Justification for assessment**
Measures that reduce the need to travel; Accessibility for those without a car is maintained and improved.						
Environmental Need to address: Climate change as a key sustainability issue; Use of areas in flood zone 1 and away from sources of risk; Support for the re-use of construction or construction waste materials; Retention of the distinctive character of the landscape with	7 Minimise contributions to climate change, consider climate change adaptation	More information is required in order to assess the impact of the policy on greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption.	i	i	i	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Biddulph **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: New development will lead to an increase in energy use and carbon emissions. Energy efficiency of new build development will be addressed at planning application stage and through building regulations. **Mitigation**: Policy should seek to mitigate the impacts of climate change through supporting delivery of renewable and low carbon forms of energy.
	8 Improve air quality	More information is required to assess how the delivery of new development under this policy would impact on air quality targets and the performance of identified areas of poor air quality.	i	i	i	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Biddulph **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: No Air Quality Management Areas have been declared in the district. **Mitigation**: The location of identified areas of poor air quality should be a factor in considering preferred locations for new development. Delivery of significant soft landscape features should be required.
	9 Reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources	All new development will address flood risk mitigation / adaptation.	i	i	i	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Biddulph **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: The impact

SA Framework		SS7 Biddulph Area Strategy				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
any change managed positively; Requirement to carry out an Appropriate Assessment of land use plans affecting Natura 2000 sites (HRA); Scope for protecting and enhancing habitats of importance for nature conservation, with creation of new habitats where possible; The risk of adverse effects on historic assets; Need for better quality facilities for tourists including serviced accommodation and improved evening economy in towns.						of new development on flood risk will be managed through the planning application progress and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	10 Conserve and enhance biodiversity	This will be managed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Biddulph **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on biodiversity will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	11 Safeguard geological resources including the best and most versatile agricultural land	This will be managed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Biddulph **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on geological resources will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	12 Minimise the use of non-renewable resources	This will be managed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Biddulph **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	13 Protect and enhance character of towns / villages; heritage assets and their settings	Policy seeks to protect and enhance the setting and historic character of the town and this is likely to contribute to maintaining and strengthening local distinctiveness and sense of place.	+	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Biddulph **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	14	Policy promotes improving the main approaches to the town from the south.	+	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Biddulph **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Principles

SA Framework		SS7 Biddulph Area Strategy				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
	Protect and enhance character / appearance of landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets					enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions. **Mitgation**: Policy could refer to taking opportunities to enhance the character and appearance of the landscape, including the historic landscape, paying particular attention to the quality of the urban / rural interface.
	15 Encourage sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness	Policy supports strengthening the role of Biddulph as a visitor destination and this is likely to result in in positive effects on the visitor economy.	+	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Biddulph **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions. **Mitigation**: Policy should refer to increasing tourist opportunities for visitors.
Economic Need to address Meeting local employment needs to achieve self-sufficient communities; Initiatives to encourage further employment development and retention / expansion of existing businesses;	16 Safeguard vitality of towns and sustain vibrant rural economy	Policy intent is to strengthen the role of Biddulph as a significant service and retailing centre for the District and this is likely to contribute to the safeguarding and improvement of shops and services.	+	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale of effect**: Biddulph **Temporary / Permanent** Permanent **Assumptions made**:Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	17 Sustainable economic growth and diversification of the economy	Policy intent is to create employment growth and increase the diversity of employment opportunities to meet existing and future needs and this is likely to lead to a strengthened and more diversified economy.	+	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Biddulph **Temporary / Permanent**:Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	18 High and stable level of employment	Policy seeks further development at Victoria Business Park and supports the retention and growth of existing businesses in the town and this is likely to facilitate the delivery of new employment opportunities.	+	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Biddulph **Temporary / Permanent**:Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.

SA Framework		SS7 Biddulph Area Strategy				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Diversification of the economic base to improve employment opportunities; Safeguarding good quality employment sites from development for other uses; Provision of relevant employment skills, training and support to help retain and develop a local workforce; Maintaining the vitality and viability of the towns and protection of the towns as service centres; Measures to encourage people to shop in the area;						

SA Framework		SS7 Biddulph Area Strategy				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Enhancement of local distinctiveness; Protection of the retail function in the heart of the town centres.						
Summary of significant effects of policy: Policy SS7 Biddulph Area Strategy seeks to enhance the role of Biddulph as a significant service centre and a market town and to support its regeneration. Policy intent is to increase the range of available and affordable house types, especially for first time buyers, families and older people and this is likely to make a significant contribution to meeting the housing needs of the whole community. Further positive effects are likely to result from the intentions to create employment growth and increase the diversity of employment opportunities; strengthen the role of Biddulph as a significant service and retailing centre for the District and to improve the image and identity of Biddulph and strengthen its role as a visitor destination. Significant positive effects also include the likelihood of improvements to the social and environmental quality of neighbourhoods and improved access to jobs, services and facilities. Whilst no significant negative effects were predicted, a number of policy improvements were identified as follows: **Mitigation:** The policy should refer to the District's GI Strategy, in particular to supporting measures to encourage walking and cycling, improving and creating pedestrian and cycle links in the town and to increasing access into the countryside by foot, cycling and horse riding. The policy should seek to mitigate the impacts of climate change through supporting delivery of renewable and low carbon forms of energy. The policy should also refer to taking opportunities to enhance the character and appearance of the landscape, including the historic landscape, paying particular attention to the quality of the urban / rural interface and to increasing tourist opportunities for visitors.						

Table 20.8 Assessment Table for Preferred Option Policy SS7 Biddulph Area Strategy

Preferred Option Policy SS8 Cheadle Area Strategy

SA Framework		SS8 Cheadle Area Strategy				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Social: Need to address: Implications of an increasingly ageing population; Meeting identified housing need, including the need for affordable homes and provision of an appropriate mix of house types and tenures; Reducing health inequalities; Opportunities to improve the health of older people through appropriate housing and access to community facilities and services;	1 Community cohesion and neighbourhood quality	Policy seeks to improve the streetscape of the town centre creating more public realm, and this is likely to support improvements to the social and environmental quality of neighbourhoods.	+	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Cheadle **Temporary / Permanent:** Permanent **Assumptions made**:Design principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions. **Mitigation**: The policy should refer to the District's GI Strategy.
	2 Improving access to jobs, services and facilities	Policy seeks to expand the role of Cheadle as a significant service and retailing centre and this is likely to lead to significant positive effects.	+	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Cheadle **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	3 Improve health and reduce health inequalities	Policy seeks to increase the provision of health facilities and to provide a Sports Village as well as improving pedestrian and cycle links across the town and into the countryside.	+	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Cheadle **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Appropriate proposals come forward in the plan period. **Mitigation**: The policy should refer to the District's GI Strategy.
	4 Minimise opportunities for crime and reduce fear of crime	This will be managed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Cheadle **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Design principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	5 Ensure supply new homes to meet local needs including affordable / social / extra care	Policy intent is to increase the range of available and affordable house types, especially for first time buyers and	++	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Cheadle **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Suitable,

SA Framework		SS8 Cheadle Area Strategy				
Summary of Baseline Situation	**SA Objective**	**Predicted Effects**				**Assumptions and mitigation**
		Nature of Effect	**ST**	**MT**	**LT**	**Justification for assessment**
Quantity, quality and accessibility of sports and recreation facilities, including open space; Any shortfall in school places; Creation of accessible and safe public and private environments; Modal shift away from journeys by car; Measures that reduce the need to travel; Accessibility for those without a car is maintained and improved.		families and this is likely to make a significant contribution to meeting the needs of the whole community.				deliverable housing sites come forward within the plan period and principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions. **Mitigation**: Policy should also refer to meeting needs of older people, including with extra care housing.
	6 Reduce number of journeys made by car	Policy seeks to improve public transport links between the town and other main settlements and to improve pedestrian and cycle links across the town which could help to reduce the number of journeys made by car.	+	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Cheadle **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Partnership working can help to deliver these aims.
Environmental Need to address:	7 Minimise contributions to climate change, consider climate change adaptation	More information is required in order to assess the impact of the policy on greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption.	i	i	i	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Cheadle **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: New

SA Framework		SS8 Cheadle Area Strategy				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Climate change as a key sustainability issue; Use of areas in flood zone 1 and away from sources of risk; Support for the re-use of construction or construction waste materials; Retention of the distinctive character of the landscape with any change managed positively; Requirement to carry out an Appropriate Assessment of land use plans affecting Natura 2000 sites (HRA);						development will lead to an increase in energy use and carbon emissions. Energy efficiency of new build development will be addressed at planning application stage and through building regulations. **Mitigation**: Policy should seek to mitigate the impacts of climate change through supporting delivery of renewable and low carbon forms of energy.
	8 Improve air quality	More information is required to assess how the delivery of new development under this policy would impact on air quality targets and the performance of identified areas of poor air quality.	i	i	i	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Cheadle **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: No Air Quality Management Areas have been declared in the district. **Mitigation**: The location of identified areas of poor air quality should be a factor in considering preferred locations for new development. Delivery of significant soft landscape features should be required.
	9 Reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources	All new development will address flood risk mitigation / adaptation.	i	i	i	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Cheadle **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: The impact of new development on flood risk will be managed through the planning application progress and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	10 Conserve and enhance biodiversity	This will be managed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Cheadle **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on biodiversity will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	11	This will be managed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Cheadle **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts

SA Framework		SS8 Cheadle Area Strategy				
Summary of Baseline Situation	**SA Objective**	**Predicted Effects**				**Assumptions and mitigation**
		Nature of Effect	**ST**	**MT**	**LT**	**Justification for assessment**
Scope for protecting and enhancing habitats of importance for nature conservation, with creation of new habitats where possible; The risk of adverse effects on historic assets; Need for better quality facilities for tourists including serviced accommodation and improved evening economy in towns.	Safeguard geological resources including the best and most versatile agricultural land					on geological resources will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	12 Minimise the use of non-renewable resources	This will be managed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Cheadle **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	13 Protect and enhance character of towns / villages; heritage assets and their settings	Policy seeks to protect the historic character of the town and this is likely to contribute to maintaining and strengthening local distinctiveness and sense of place.	+	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Cheadle **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	14 Protect and enhance character / appearance of landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets	Policy seeks to manage and improve the green corridor to the east of the town and this is likely to help protect landscape character.	+	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Cheadle **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions. **Mitgation**: Policy could refer to taking opportunities to enhance the character and appearance of the landscape, including the historic landscape, paying particular attention to the quality of the urban / rural interface.
	15 Encourage sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness	Policy supports promoting links with the Churnet Valley as a visitor destination and this is likely to lead to indirect positive effects on the visitor economy.	+	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Cheadle **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions. **Mitigation**: Policy should refer to increasing tourist opportunities for visitors.

SA Framework		SS8 Cheadle Area Strategy				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Economic Need to address Meeting local employment needs to achieve self-sufficient communities Initiatives to encourage further employment development and retention / expansion of existing businesses; Diversification of the economic base to improve employment opportunities; Safeguarding good quality employment sites from development for other uses; Provision of relevant employment skills, training and support to help	16 Safeguard vitality of towns and sustain vibrant rural economy	Policy intent is to expand the role of Cheadle as a significant service and retailing centre for the District and this is likely to contribute to the safeguarding and improvement of shops and services.	+	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale of effect**: Cheadle **Temporary / Permanent** Permanent **Assumptions made**:Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	17 Sustainable economic growth and diversification of the economy	Policy intent is to create employment growth and increase the diversity of employment opportunities to meet existing and future needs and this is likely to lead to a strengthened and more diversified economy.	+	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Cheadle **Temporary / Permanent**:Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	18 High and stable level of employment	Policy supports the retention and growth of existing businesses in the town as well as providing facilities and sites for new start up businesses and this is likely to facilitate the delivery of new employment opportunities.	+	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Cheadle **Temporary / Permanent**:Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.

SA Framework		SS8 Cheadle Area Strategy				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
retain and develop a local workforce; Maintaining the vitality and viability of the towns and protection of the towns as service centres; Measures to encourage people to shop in the area; Enhancement of local distinctiveness; Protection of the retail function in the heart of the town centres.						
Summary of significant effects of policy: Policy SS8 Cheadle Area Strategy seeks to expand the role of Cheadle as a significant service centre and a market town. Policy intent is to increase the range of available and affordable house types, especially for first time buyers and families and this is likely to make a significant contribution to meeting the housing needs of the whole community. Further positive effects are likely to result from the intentions to create employment growth and increase the diversity of employment opportunities; expand the role of Cheadle as a significant service and retailing centre for the District and to improve environmental quality and accessibility. Whilst no significant negative effects were predicted, a number of policy improvements were identified as follows:						

SA Framework		SS8 Cheadle Area Strategy				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Mitigation: The policy should refer to the District's GI Strategy and to meeting the needs of older people, including with extra care housing. The policy should seek to mitigate the impacts of climate change through supporting delivery of renewable and low carbon forms of energy. The policy should also refer to taking opportunities to enhance the character and appearance of the landscape, including the historic landscape, paying particular attention to the quality of the urban / rural interface and to increasing tourist opportunities for visitors.						

Table 20.9 Assessment Table for Preferred Option Policy SS8 Cheadle Area Strategy

Preferred Option Policy SS9 Rural Areas

SA Framework		SS9 Rural Areas				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Social: Need to address: Implications of an increasingly ageing population; Meeting identified housing need, including the need for affordable homes and provision of an appropriate mix of house types and tenures;	1 Community cohesion and neighbourhood quality	Under option 2, policy requires that local infrastructure can meet the additional requirements arising from the development and this is likely to support improvements to the social and environmental quality of neighbourhoods.	+	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Rural areas **Temporary / Permanent:** Permanent **Assumptions made**:Design principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions. **Mitigation**: Option 2 for the policy should make clear that "local" infrastructure includes social infrastructure.
	2 Improving access to jobs, services and facilities	The policy could ensure that new development is located in proximity to some services and facilities and this is likely to lead to positive effects.	+	+	+	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Rural areas **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	3 Improve health and reduce health inequalities	The policy could ensure that new development is located in proximity to a healthcare facility and this is likely to lead to positive effects.	+	+	+	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Rural areas **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Appropriate proposals come forward in the plan period. **Mitigation**: The policy should refer to the District's GI Strategy.

SA Framework		SS9 Rural Areas				
Summary of Baseline Situation	**SA Objective**	**Predicted Effects**				**Assumptions and mitigation**
		Nature of Effect	**ST**	**MT**	**LT**	**Justification for assessment**
Reducing health inequalities; Opportunities to improve the health of older people through appropriate housing and access to community facilities and services; Quantity, quality and accessibility of sports and recreation facilities, including open space; Any shortfall in school places; Creation of accessible and safe public and private environments; Modal shift away from journeys by car;	4 Minimise opportunities for crime and reduce fear of crime	This will be managed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Rural areas **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Design principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	5 Ensure supply new homes to meet local needs including affordable / social / extra care	Policy intent is to enable development in the rural areas to reflect the spatial strategy and this is likely to make a significant contribution to meeting the needs of the whole community.	++	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Rural areas T**emporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Suitable, deliverable housing sites come forward within the plan period and principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	6 Reduce number of journeys made by car	This will be managed by other policies in the Local Plan	i	i	i	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Rural areas **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Spatial strategy and the proposed development approach will help make sure aims and objectives of the Local Plan are met through an appropriate balance of development.

SA Framework		SS9 Rural Areas				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Measures that reduce the need to travel; Accessibility for those without a car is maintained and improved.						
Environmental Need to address: Climate change as a key sustainability issue; Use of areas in flood zone 1 and away from sources of risk; Support for the re-use of construction or construction waste materials; Retention of the distinctive character of the landscape with	7 Minimise contributions to climate change, consider climate change adaptation	More information is required in order to assess the impact of the policy on greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption.	i	i	i	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Rural areas **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: New development will lead to an increase in energy use and carbon emissions. Energy efficiency of new build development will be addressed at planning application stage and through building regulations.
	8 Improve air quality	More information is required to assess how the delivery of new development under this policy would impact on air quality targets and the performance of identified areas of poor air quality.	i	i	i	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Rural areas **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: No Air Quality Management Areas have been declared in the district. **Mitigation**: The location of identified areas of poor air quality should be a factor in considering preferred locations for new development. Delivery of significant soft landscape features should be required.
	9 Reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources	All new development will address flood risk mitigation / adaptation.	i	i	i	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Rural areas **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: The impact of new development on flood risk will be managed through the planning application progress and using other policies in this Local Plan.

SA Framework		SS9 Rural Areas				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
any change managed positively; Requirement to carry out an Appropriate Assessment of land use plans affecting Natura 2000 sites (HRA); Scope for protecting and enhancing habitats of importance for nature conservation, with creation of new habitats where possible; The risk of adverse effects on historic assets; Need for better quality facilities for tourists including serviced accommodation and improved evening economy in towns.	10 Conserve and enhance biodiversity	This will be managed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Rural areas **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on biodiversity will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	11 Safeguard geological resources including the best and most versatile agricultural land	This will be managed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Rural areas **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on geological resources will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	12 Minimise the use of non-renewable resources	This will be managed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Rural areas **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	13 Protect and enhance character of towns / villages; heritage assets and their settings	Policy categorises villages based on their population, services, facilities and capacity for development and this is likely to contribute to maintaining and strengthening local distinctiveness and sense of place.	+	+	+	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Rural areas **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	14 Protect and enhance character / appearance of landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets	Policy categorises villages based on their population, services, facilities and capacity for development and this is likely to contribute to maintaining and strengthening local distinctiveness and sense of place.	+	+	+	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Rural areas **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.

SA Framework		SS9 Rural Areas				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
	15 Encourage sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness	Policy categorises villages based on their population, services, facilities and capacity for development and this is likely to contribute to maintaining and strengthening local distinctiveness and sense of place.	+	+	+	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Rural areas **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
Economic Need to address Meeting local employment needs to achieve self-sufficient communities Initiatives to encourage further employment development and retention / expansion of existing businesses; Diversification of the economic base to improve employment opportunities;	16 Safeguard vitality of towns and sustain vibrant rural economy	Policy seeks to ensure employment land necessary to provide sufficient local employment opportunities in the villages and also to enhance and diversify employment provision at existing employment sites in the rural areas and this is likely to contribute to the safeguarding and improvement of shops and services.	+	+	+	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale of effect**: Rural areas **Temporary / Permanent** Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	17 Sustainable economic growth and diversification of the economy	Policy seeks to ensure employment land necessary to provide sufficient local employment opportunities in the villages and also to enhance and diversify employment provision at existing employment sites in the rural areas and this is likely to lead to a strengthened and more diversified economy.	+	+	+	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Rural areas **Temporary / Permanent**:Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	18 High and stable level of employment	Policy seeks to ensure employment land necessary to provide sufficient local employment opportunities in the villages and also to enhance and diversify employment provision at existing employment sites in the rural areas and this is likely to facilitate the delivery of new employment opportunities.	+	+	+	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Rural areas **Temporary / Permanent**:Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.

SA Framework		SS9 Rural Areas				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Safeguarding good quality employment sites from development for other uses; Provision of relevant employment skills, training and support to help retain and develop a local workforce; Maintaining the vitality and viability of the towns and protection of the towns as service centres; Measures to encourage people to shop in the area; Enhancement of local distinctiveness; Protection of the retail function in the heart of the town centres.						

SA Framework		SS9 Rural Areas				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Summary of significant effects of policy: Policy SS9 Rural Areas establishes a development requirement for the rural areas defined as larger villages, smaller villages and other rural areas and ensures that development in the rural areas reflects the spatial strategy. Positive effects are noted as follows. The policy categorises villages based on their population, services, facilities and capacity for development and this is likely to contribute to maintaining and strengthening local distinctiveness and sense of place. The policy also seeks to deliver the employment land necessary to provide sufficient local employment opportunities in the villages and to enhance and diversify employment provision at existing employment sites in the rural areas and this is likely to facilitate the delivery of new employment opportunities. Whilst no significant negative effects were predicted, a number of policy improvements were identified as follows: **Mitigation:** Option 2 for the policy should make clear that "local" infrastructure includes social infrastructure.						

Table 20.10 Assessment Table for Preferred Option Policy SS9 Rural Areas

Preferred Option Policy SS10 Larger Villages Areas Strategy

SA Framework		SS10 Larger Villages Area Strategy				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Social: Need to address: Implications of an increasingly ageing population; Meeting identified housing need, including the need for affordable homes	1 Community cohesion and neighbourhood quality	Policy seeks to support and increase the range and quality of community facilities available to the rural areas.	+	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Larger villages **Temporary / Permanent:** Permanent **Assumptions made**:Design principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions. **Mitigation**: The policy should support environmental enhancements, including the improvement and creation of Local Green Spaces.
	2 Improving access to jobs, services and facilities	Policy seeks to retain and enhance the role of larger villages as rural service centres and this is likely to lead to significant positive effects.	+	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Larger villages **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.

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and provision of an appropriate mix of house types and tenures; Reducing health inequalities; Opportunities to improve the health of older people through appropriate housing and access to community facilities and services; Quantity, quality and accessibility of sports and recreation facilities, including open space; Any shortfall in school places; Creation of accessible and safe public and private environments;	3 Improve health and reduce health inequalities	This will be managed by other policies in the Local Plan. Health maybe addressed by improving access to facilities in surrounding market towns and supporting measures that encourage walking and cycling.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Larger villages **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Appropriate proposals come forward in the plan period. **Mitigation**: The policy should refer to the District's GI Strategy and improving pedestrian and cycle links through the villages and to surrounding towns and villages and into the countryside.
	4 Minimise opportunities for crime and reduce fear of crime	This will be managed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Larger villages **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Design principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	5 Ensure supply new homes to meet local needs including affordable / social / extra care	Policy intent is to increase the range of available and affordable house types, especially for first time buyers and families and this is likely to make a significant contribution to meeting the needs of the whole community.	++	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Larger villages T**emporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Suitable, deliverable housing sites come forward within the plan period and principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions. **Mitigation**: Policy should also refer to meeting needs of older people, including with extra care housing.
	6 Reduce number of journeys made by car	Policy seeks to improve public transport connections to surrounding smaller villages and market towns which could help to reduce the number of journeys made by car.	+	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Larger villages **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Partnership working can help to deliver these aims. **Mitigation** Policy should also seek to improve pedestrian and cycle links to surrounding smaller villages and market towns.

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Modal shift away from journeys by car; Measures that reduce the need to travel; Accessibility for those without a car is maintained and improved.						
Environmental Need to address: Climate change as a key sustainability issue; Use of areas in flood zone 1 and away from sources of risk; Support for the re-use of construction or construction waste materials;	7 Minimise contributions to climate change, consider climate change adaptation	More information is required in order to assess the impact of the policy on greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption.	i	i	i	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Larger villages **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: New development will lead to an increase in energy use and carbon emissions. Energy efficiency of new build development will be addressed at planning application stage and through building regulations. **Mitigation**: Policy should seek to mitigate the impacts of climate change through supporting delivery of renewable and low carbon forms of energy.
	8 Improve air quality	More information is required to assess how the delivery of new development under this policy would impact on air quality targets and the performance of identified areas of poor air quality.	i	i	i	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Larger villages **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: No Air Quality Management Areas have been declared in the district. **Mitigation**: The location of identified areas of poor air quality should be a factor in considering preferred locations for new development. Delivery of significant soft landscape features should be required.

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		Nature of Effect	**ST**	**MT**	**LT**	**Justification for assessment**
Retention of the distinctive character of the landscape with any change managed positively; Requirement to carry out an Appropriate Assessment of land use plans affecting Natura 2000 sites (HRA); Scope for protecting and enhancing habitats of importance for nature conservation, with creation of new habitats where possible; The risk of adverse effects on historic assets; Need for better quality facilities for tourists including serviced accommodation	9 Reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources	All new development will address flood risk mitigation / adaptation.	i	i	i	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Larger villages **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: The impact of new development on flood risk will be managed through the planning application progress and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	10 Conserve and enhance biodiversity	This will be managed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Larger villages **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on biodiversity will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	11 Safeguard geological resources including the best and most versatile agricultural land	This will be managed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Larger villages **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on geological resources will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	12 Minimise the use of non-renewable resources	This will be managed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Larger villages **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	13 Protect and enhance character of towns / villages; heritage assets and their settings	Policy seeks to ensure that new development reflects and enhances each village's special character and heritage and this is likely to contribute to maintaining and strengthening local distinctiveness and sense of place.	+	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Larger villages **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.

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and improved evening economy in towns.	14 Protect and enhance character / appearance of landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets	Policy seeks to protect and enhance the setting of individual settlements and this is likely to help protect landscape character.	+	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Larger villages **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions. **Mitgation**: Policy could refer to taking opportunities to enhance the character and appearance of the landscape, including the historic landscape, paying particular attention to the edge of settlements.
	15 Encourage sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness	Ensuring that new development reflects and enhances each village's special character and heritage is likely to lead to indirect positive effects on the visitor economy.	+	+	+	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Larger villages **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Protecting and enhancing the character and heritage of settlements will help to support tourism.
Economic Need to address Meeting local employment needs to achieve self-sufficient communities; Initiatives to encourage further employment development and retention / expansion of existing businesses;	16 Safeguard vitality of towns and sustain vibrant rural economy	Policy intent is to retain and enhance the role of larger villages as rural service centres and this is likely to contribute to the safeguarding and improvement of community facilities available to the rural areas.	+	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale of effect**: Larger villages **Temporary / Permanent** Permanent **Assumptions made**:Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	17 Sustainable economic growth and diversification of the economy	Policy intent is to meet limited employment needs and this is likely to lead to a strengthened and more diversified economy.	+	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Larger villages **Temporary / Permanent**:Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	18 High and stable level of employment	Policy supports enabling small scale new employment development and improving the use of existing employment areas and this is likely to facilitate the delivery of new employment opportunities.	+	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Larger villages **Temporary / Permanent**:Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.

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		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Diversification of the economic base to improve employment opportunities; Safeguarding good quality employment sites from development for other uses; Provision of relevant employment skills, training and support to help retain and develop a local workforce; Maintaining the vitality and viability of the towns and protection of the towns as service centres; Measures to encourage people to shop in the area;						

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Enhancement of local distinctiveness; Protection of the retail function in the heart of the town centres.						
Summary of significant effects of policy: Policy SS10 Larger Villages Area Strategy identifies the larger villages and seeks to retain and enhance their role as rural service centres, providing for the bulk of the local housing needs of the rural areas and also for limited employment needs of a scale and type appropriate to each settlement having regard to local needs, infrastructure capacity and character. Policy intent is to increase the range of available and affordable house types, especially for first time buyers and families and this is likely to make a significant contribution to meeting housing needs. Further positive effects are likely to result from the intentions to enable small scale new employment development and improve the use of existing employment areas; retain and enhance the role of rural areas as rural service centres and to ensure that new development reflects and enhances each village's special character and heritage. Whilst no significant negative effects were predicted, a number of policy improvements were identified as follows: **Mitigation:** The policy should support environmental enhancements, including the improvement and creation of Local Green Spaces. It should refer to the District's GI Strategy and improving pedestrian and cycle links through the villages and to surrounding towns and villages and into the countryside, as well as to meeting the needs of older people, including with extra care housing. Policy could refer to taking opportunities to enhance the character and appearance of the landscape, including the historic landscape, paying particular attention to the edge of settlements.						

Table 20.11 Assessment Table for Preferred Option Policy SS10 Larger Villages Area Strategy

Preferred Option Policy SS11 Smaller Villages Area Strategy

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Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Social: Need to address: Implications of an increasingly ageing population; Meeting identified housing need, including the need for affordable homes and provision of an appropriate mix of house types and tenures; Reducing health inequalities; Opportunities to improve the health of older people through appropriate housing and access to community facilities and services;	1 Community cohesion and neighbourhood quality	Policy seeks to protect and enable services and facilities which are essential to sustain rural living.	+	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Smaller villages **Temporary / Permanent:** Permanent **Assumptions made**:Design principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions. **Mitigation**: The policy should support environmental enhancements, including the improvement and creation of Local Green Spaces.
	2 Improving access to jobs, services and facilities	Smaller villages have a more limited role as service centres; the proposed strategy seeks to allow an appropriate level of sensitive development which enhances community vitality and this is likely to lead to positive effects.	+	+	+	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Smaller villages **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	3 Improve health and reduce health inequalities	This will be managed by other policies in the Local Plan. Health maybe addressed by improving access to facilities in surrounding market towns and supporting measures that encourage walking and cycling.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Smaller villages **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Appropriate proposals come forward in the plan period. **Mitigation**: The policy should refer to the District's GI Strategy and improving pedestrian and cycle links through the villages and to surrounding towns and villages and into the countryside.
	4 Minimise opportunities for crime and reduce fear of crime	This will be managed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Smaller villages **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Design principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.

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		Nature of Effect	**ST**	**MT**	**LT**	**Justification for assessment**
Quantity, quality and accessibility of sports and recreation facilities, including open space; Any shortfall in school places; Creation of accessible and safe public and private environments; Modal shift away from journeys by car; Measures that reduce the need to travel; Accessibility for those without a car is maintained and improved.	5 Ensure supply new homes to meet local needs including affordable / social / extra care	Policy intent is to enable new housing development which meets a need, including affordable housing and this is likely to make a contribution to meeting the needs of the community.	+	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Smaller villages T**emporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Suitable, deliverable housing sites come forward within the plan period and principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions. **Mitigation**: Policy should also refer to meeting needs of older people, including with extra care housing.
	6 Reduce number of journeys made by car	Policy seeks to improve public transport connections to neighbouring larger villages and market towns which could help to reduce the number of journeys made by car.	+	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Smaller villages **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Partnership working can help to deliver these aims. **Mitigation** Policy should also seek to improve pedestrian and cycle links to neighbouring larger villages and market towns.
Environmental Need to address:	7 Minimise contributions to climate change, consider climate change adaptation	More information is required in order to assess the impact of the policy on greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption.	i	i	i	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Smaller villages **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: New

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Summary of Baseline Situation	**SA Objective**	**Predicted Effects**				**Assumptions and mitigation**
		Nature of Effect	**ST**	**MT**	**LT**	**Justification for assessment**
Climate change as a key sustainability issue; Use of areas in flood zone 1 and away from sources of risk; Support for the re-use of construction or construction waste materials; Retention of the distinctive character of the landscape with any change managed positively; Requirement to carry out an Appropriate Assessment of land use plans affecting Natura 2000 sites (HRA);						development will lead to an increase in energy use and carbon emissions. Energy efficiency of new build development will be addressed at planning application stage and through building regulations. **Mitigation**: Policy should seek to mitigate the impacts of climate change through supporting delivery of renewable and low carbon forms of energy.
	8 Improve air quality	More information is required to assess how the delivery of new development under this policy would impact on air quality targets and the performance of identified areas of poor air quality.	i	i	i	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Smaller villages **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: No Air Quality Management Areas have been declared in the district. **Mitigation**: The location of identified areas of poor air quality should be a factor in considering preferred locations for new development. Delivery of significant soft landscape features should be required.
	9 Reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources	All new development will address flood risk mitigation / adaptation.	i	i	i	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Smaller villages **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: The impact of new development on flood risk will be managed through the planning application progress and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	10 Conserve and enhance biodiversity	This will be managed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Smaller villages **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on biodiversity will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	11	This will be managed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Smaller villages **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any

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Scope for protecting and enhancing habitats of importance for nature conservation, with creation of new habitats where possible; The risk of adverse effects on historic assets; Need for better quality facilities for tourists including serviced accommodation and improved evening economy in towns.	Safeguard geological resources including the best and most versatile agricultural land					impacts on geological resources will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	12 Minimise the use of non-renewable resources	This will be managed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Smaller villages **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	13 Protect and enhance character of towns / villages; heritage assets and their settings	Policy intent is to control new development, both in terms of scale and type, in order to ensure that the character and life of the settlement is not undermined and this is likely to contribute to maintaining and strengthening local distinctiveness and sense of place.	+	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Smaller villages **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions. **Mitigation**: Policy should seek to ensure that new development reflects and enhances each village's special character and heritage.
	14 Protect and enhance character / appearance of landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets	Policy notes that these settlements will continue to be subject to Green Belt or countryside policies and this is likely to help protect landscape character.	+	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Smaller villages **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions. **Mitgation**: Policy could refer to taking opportunities to enhance the character and appearance of the landscape, including the historic landscape, paying particular attention to the edge of settlements.
	15 Encourage sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness	Ensuring that the character and life of the settlement is not undermined is likely to lead to indirect positive effects on the visitor economy.	+	+	+	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Smaller villages **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Protecting and enhancing the character and heritage of settlements will help to support tourism.

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Economic Need to address Meeting local employment needs to achieve self-sufficient communities; Initiatives to encourage further employment development and retention / expansion of existing businesses; Diversification of the economic base to improve employment opportunities; Safeguarding good quality employment sites from development for other uses; Provision of relevant employment skills, training and	16 Safeguard vitality of towns and sustain vibrant rural economy	Smaller villages have a more limited role as service centres; the proposed strategy seeks to allow an appropriate level of sensitive development which enhances community vitality and this is likely to contribute to the safeguarding and improvement of community facilities available to the rural areas.	+	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale of effect**: Smaller villages **Temporary / Permanent** Permanent **Assumptions made**:Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	17 Sustainable economic growth and diversification of the economy	Policy intent is to support the diversification of existing farm enterprises and the development of appropriate ICT and new means of communications and this is likely to lead to a strengthened and more diversified economy.	+	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Smaller villages **Temporary / Permanent**:Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	18 High and stable level of employment	Policy supports enabling small scale new employment development and this is likely to facilitate the delivery of new employment opportunities.	+	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Smaller villages **Temporary / Permanent**:Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.

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support to help retain and develop a local workforce; Maintaining the vitality and viability of the towns and protection of the towns as service centres; Measures to encourage people to shop in the area; Enhancement of local distinctiveness; Protection of the retail function in the heart of the town centres.						
Summary of significant effects of policy: Policy SS11 Smaller Villages Area Strategy identifies the smaller villages and seeks to ensure these settlements provide only for appropriate development which enhances community vitality or meets a social or economic need of the settlement and its hinterland. Policy intent is to enable new housing development which meets a need, including affordable housing, and this is likely to make a positive contribution to meeting housing needs. Further positive effects are likely to result from the intentions to enable small scale new employment development including live-work units; protect and enable services and facilities which are essential to sustain rural living and to ensure that new development does not undermine the character and life of the settlement. Whilst no significant negative effects were predicted, a number of policy improvements were identified as follows:						

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Mitigation: The policy should support environmental enhancements, including the improvement and creation of Local Green Spaces. It should refer to the District's GI Strategy and improving pedestrian and cycle links through the villages and to surrounding towns and villages and into the countryside, as well as to meeting the needs of older people, including with extra care housing. Policy should seek to ensure that new development reflects and enhances each village's special character and heritage. The policy could also refer to taking opportunities to enhance the character and appearance of the landscape, including the historic landscape, paying particular attention to the edge of settlements.						

Table 20.12 Assessment Table for Preferred Option Policy SS11 Smaller Villages Area Strategy

Preferred Option Policy SS12 Other Rural Areas Strategy

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Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Social: Need to address: Implications of an increasingly ageing population; Meeting identified housing need, including the need for affordable homes and provision of an appropriate mix of house types and tenures;	1 Community cohesion and neighbourhood quality	This will be managed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Other rural areas **Temporary / Permanent:** Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on social and environmental quality of neighbourhoods will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	2 Improving access to jobs, services and facilities	Policy allows for community facilities which meet a local need subject to their being delivered close to an existing serviced settlement.	+	+	+	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Other rural areas **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	3 Improve health and reduce health inequalities	This will be managed by other policies in the Local Plan. Health may be addressed by supporting measures that encourage walking and cycling.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Other rural areas **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions**

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		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Reducing health inequalities; Opportunities to improve the health of older people through appropriate housing and access to community facilities and services; Quantity, quality and accessibility of sports and recreation facilities, including open space; Any shortfall in school places; Creation of accessible and safe public and private environments; Modal shift away from journeys by car;						**made**:Appropriate proposals come forward in the plan period. **Mitigation**: The policy should refer to the District's GI Strategy and improving pedestrian and cycle links including into the countryside, as well as improving opportunities for related leisure activities such as horse riding.
	4 Minimise opportunities for crime and reduce fear of crime	This will be managed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Other rural areas **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Design principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	5 Ensure supply new homes to meet local needs including affordable / social / extra care	Policy intent is to restrict new build housing in the countryside to that which has an essential need to be located there.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Other rural areas **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Housing need will be met according to the spatial strategy.
	6 Reduce number of journeys made by car	Policy seeks to limit uses which generate a substantial number of regular trips in areas that are not well served by public transport and this is likely to help to reduce the number of journeys made by car.	+	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Other rural areas **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.

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		Nature of Effect	**ST**	**MT**	**LT**	**Justification for assessment**
Measures that reduce the need to travel; Accessibility for those without a car is maintained and improved.						
Environmental Need to address: Climate change as a key sustainability issue; Use of areas in flood zone 1 and away from sources of risk; Support for the re-use of construction or construction waste materials; Retention of the distinctive character of the landscape with	7 Minimise contributions to climate change, consider climate change adaptation	More information is required in order to assess the impact of the policy on greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption.	i	i	i	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Other rural areas **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: New development will lead to an increase in energy use and carbon emissions. Energy efficiency of new build development will be addressed at planning application stage and through building regulations. **Mitigation**: Policy should seek to mitigate the impacts of climate change through supporting delivery of renewable and low carbon forms of energy.
	8 Improve air quality	More information is required to assess how the delivery of new development under this policy would impact on air quality targets and the performance of identified areas of poor air quality.	i	i	i	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Other rural areas **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: No Air Quality Management Areas have been declared in the district.
	9 Reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources	All new development will address flood risk mitigation / adaptation.	i	i	i	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Other rural areas **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: The impact of new development on flood risk will be managed through the planning application progress and using other policies in this Local Plan.

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		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
any change managed positively; Requirement to carry out an Appropriate Assessment of land use plans affecting Natura 2000 sites (HRA); Scope for protecting and enhancing habitats of importance for nature conservation, with creation of new habitats where possible; The risk of adverse effects on historic assets; Need for better quality facilities for tourists including serviced accommodation and improved evening economy in towns.	10 Conserve and enhance biodiversity	Policy encourages measures which protect and enhance the biodiversity resources of the district.	+	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Other rural areas **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	11 Safeguard geological resources including the best and most versatile agricultural land	Policy encourages measures which protect and enhance the geological resources of the district.	+	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Other rural areas **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	12 Minimise the use of non-renewable resources	This will be managed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Other rural areas **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	13 Protect and enhance character of towns / villages; heritage assets and their settings	Policy encourages measures which protect and enhance the heritage of the district and this is likely to contribute to maintaining and strengthening local distinctiveness and sense of place.	+	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Other rural areas **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	14 Protect and enhance character / appearance of landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets	Policy intent is to enhance and conserve the quality of the countryside and this is likely to help protect landscape character.	+	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Other rural areas **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.

SA Framework		SS12 Other Rural Areas Strategy				
Summary of Baseline Situation	**SA Objective**	**Predicted Effects**				**Assumptions and mitigation**
		Nature of Effect	**ST**	**MT**	**LT**	**Justification for assessment**
	15 Encourage sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness	Policy intent is to enhance tourist opportunities and this is likely to lead to positive effects on the visitor economy.	+	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Other rural areas **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
Economic Need to address Meeting local employment needs to achieve self-sufficient communities Initiatives to encourage further employment development and retention / expansion of existing businesses; Diversification of the economic base to improve employment opportunities;	16 Safeguard vitality of towns and sustain vibrant rural economy	Policy intent is to enable regeneration of underused major developed areas in the countryside and this is likely to contribute to the improvement of community facilities available to the rural areas.	+	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale of effect**: Other rural areas **Temporary / Permanent** Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	17 Sustainable economic growth and diversification of the economy	Policy intent is to sustain the rural economy by enabling the limited expansion or development of employment uses where a rural location can be justified and this is likely to lead to a strengthened and more diversified economy.	+	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Other rural areas **Temporary / Permanent**:Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	18 High and stable level of employment	Policy supports enabling of home-working and small businesses reliant on e-technology and this is likely to facilitate the delivery of new employment opportunities.	+	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Other rural areas **Temporary / Permanent**:Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.

SA Framework		SS12 Other Rural Areas Strategy				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Safeguarding good quality employment sites from development for other uses; Provision of relevant employment skills, training and support to help retain and develop a local workforce; Maintaining the vitality and viability of the towns and protection of the towns as service centres; Measures to encourage people to shop in the area; Enhancement of local distinctiveness; Protection of the retail function in the heart of the town centres.						

SA Framework		SS12 Other Rural Areas Strategy				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Summary of significant effects of policy: Policy SS12 Other Rural Areas Strategy identifies the other rural areas as comprising the countryside and the green belt outside settlement boundaries and including those small settlements and dispersed developments not identified in policies SS10 and SS11. Policy intent is that these areas will provide only for development which has an essential need to be located in the countryside, supports rural diversification, contributes to sustainability of the rural areas, promotes sutainable tourism or enhances the countryside. Significant positive effects include enhancing and conserving the quality of the countryside, including recognising and conserving the special quality of the landscape in the Peak District National Park and limiting uses which generate a substantial number of regular trips in areas that are not well served by public transport - as this is likely to help to reduce the number of journeys made by car. Further positive effects are likely to result from encouraging measures which protect and enhance the biodiversity and geological resources, as well as the heritage of the district. Also, from measures to sustain the rural economy and enhance tourist opportunities. Whilst no significant negative effects were predicted, a policy improvement was identified as follows: **Mitigation:** The policy should refer to the District's GI Strategy and improving pedestrian and cycle links, including into the countryside, as well as improving opportunities for related leisure activities such as horse riding.						

Table 20.13 Assessment Table for Preferred Option Policy SS12 Other Rural Areas Strategy

Preferred Option Policy SS13 Churnet Valley Strategy

SA Framework		SS13 Churnet Valley Strategy				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Social: Need to address: Implications of an increasingly ageing population;	1 Community cohesion and neighbourhood quality	The policy could enable the expansion of existing community facilities and the provision of new ones; it could also enable enhancement of the district's GI network.	+	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Churnet Valley **Temporary / Permanent:** Permanent **Assumptions made**:Design principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.

SA Framework		SS13 Churnet Valley Strategy				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Meeting identified housing need, including the need for affordable homes and provision of an appropriate mix of house types and tenures; Reducing health inequalities; Opportunities to improve the health of older people through appropriate housing and access to community facilities and services; Quantity, quality and accessibility of sports and recreation facilities, including open space; Any shortfall in school places;	2 Improving access to jobs, services and facilities	Enabling the Churnet Valley to provide a strong focus for sustainable rural regeneration across the district may help to advance equality of opportunity.	+	+	+	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Churnet Valley **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	3 Improve health and reduce health inequalities	Policy seeks to enhance and develop links to strategic footpaths, cycle and horse riding routes and this is likely to lead to positive effects for health.	+	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Churnet Valley **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Appropriate proposals come forward in the plan period.
	4 Minimise opportunities for crime and reduce fear of crime	This will be managed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Churnet Valley **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Design principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	5 Ensure supply new homes to meet local needs including affordable / social / extra care	This will be managed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Churnet Valley T**emporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	6 Reduce number of journeys made by car	Policy seeks to improve connectivity and accessibility to and within the Churnet Valley by sustainable transport means which could help to reduce the number of journeys made by car.	+	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Churnet Valley **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Partnership working can help to deliver these aims.

SA Framework		SS13 Churnet Valley Strategy				
Summary of Baseline Situation	**SA Objective**	**Predicted Effects**				**Assumptions and mitigation**
		Nature of Effect	**ST**	**MT**	**LT**	**Justification for assessment**
Creation of accessible and safe public and private environments; Modal shift away from journeys by car; Measures that reduce the need to travel; Accessibility for those without a car is maintained and improved.						
Environmental Need to address: Climate change as a key sustainability issue; Use of areas in flood zone 1 and away from sources of risk;	7 Minimise contributions to climate change, consider climate change adaptation	More information is required in order to assess the impact of the policy on greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption.	i	i	i	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Churnet Valley **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: New development will lead to an increase in energy use and carbon emissions. Energy efficiency of new build development will be addressed at planning application stage and through building regulations. **Mitigation**: Policy should seek to mitigate the impacts of climate change through supporting delivery of renewable and low carbon forms of energy.
	8 Improve air quality	More information is required to assess how the delivery of new development under this policy would	i	i	i	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Churnet Valley **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: No Air

SA Framework		SS13 Churnet Valley Strategy				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Support for the re-use of construction or construction waste materials; Retention of the distinctive character of the landscape with any change managed positively; Requirement to carry out an Appropriate Assessment of land use plans affecting Natura 2000 sites (HRA); Scope for protecting and enhancing habitats of importance for nature conservation, with creation of new habitats where possible; The risk of adverse effects on historic assets;		impact on air quality targets and the performance of identified areas of poor air quality.				Quality Management Areas have been declared in the district. **Mitigation**: The location of identified areas of poor air quality should be a factor in considering preferred locations for new development. Delivery of significant soft landscape features should be required.
	9 Reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources	All new development will address flood risk mitigation / adaptation.	i	i	i	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Churnet Valley **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: The impact of new development on flood risk will be managed through the planning application progress and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	10 Conserve and enhance biodiversity	Policy seeks to protect and enhance the biodiversity of the valley.	+	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Churnet Valley **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Design principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	11 Safeguard geological resources including the best and most versatile agricultural land	The Policy is silent on geological resources.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Churnet Valley **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on geological resources will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan. **Mitigation:** Policy should require the protection of notable geological and geomorphological features.
	12 Minimise the use of non-renewable resources	The policy requires measures to remediate and restore derelict land, buildings and features	+	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Churnet Valley **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.

SA Framework		SS13 Churnet Valley Strategy				
Summary of Baseline Situation	**SA Objective**	**Predicted Effects**				**Assumptions and mitigation**
		Nature of Effect	**ST**	**MT**	**LT**	**Justification for assessment**
Need for better quality facilities for tourists including serviced accommodation and improved evening economy in towns.	13 Protect and enhance character of towns / villages; heritage assets and their settings	Policy requires design of development to conserve and enhance heritage assets.	+	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Churnet Valley **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	14 Protect and enhance character / appearance of landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets	Policy supports measures to enhance, protect and interpret landscape character.	+	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Churnet Valley **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	15 Encourage sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness	Policy supports the expansion of existing tourist attractions and facilities an the provision of new ones.	+	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Churnet Valley **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
Economic Need to address Meeting local employment needs to achieve self-sufficient communities	16 Safeguard vitality of towns and sustain vibrant rural economy	Policy intent is to support sustainable rural regeneration and this is likely to enhance the vitality and viability of the area's towns and villages.	+	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale of effect**: Churnet Valley **Temporary / Permanent** Permanent **Assumptions made**:Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	17	The policy could encourage investment in businesses, people and infrastructure and this is likely to lead to a strengthened and more diversified economy.	+	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Churnet Valley **Temporary / Permanent**:Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.

SA Framework		SS13 Churnet Valley Strategy				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Initiatives to encourage further employment development and retention / expansion of existing businesses; Diversification of the economic base to improve employment opportunities; Safeguarding good quality employment sites from development for other uses; Provision of relevant employment skills, training and support to help retain and develop a local workforce; Maintaining the vitality and viability of the towns and protection of the towns as service centres;	Sustainable economic growth and diversification of the economy					
	18 High and stable level of employment	Support for short stay and long stay visitor accommodation as well as the expansion of tourist attractions is likely to facilitate the delivery of new employment opportunities.	+	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Churnet Valley **Temporary / Permanent**:Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.

SA Framework		SS13 Churnet Valley Strategy				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Measures to encourage people to shop in the area; Enhancement of local distinctiveness; Protection of the retail function in the heart of the town centres.						
Summary of significant effects of policy: Policy SS13 Churnet Valley Strategy manages development according to the aims of the strategy for the Churnet Valley and the Churnet Valley Masterplan SPD. Policy intent is enable the Churnet Valley to provide a strong focus for sustainable rural regeneration across the district and this may help to advance equality of opportunity as well as to enhance the vitality and viability of the area's towns and villages. Further positive effects for health and for reducing the need for car use are likely to result from the intentions to enhance and develop links to strategic footpaths, cycle and horse riding routes and to improve connectivity and accessibility to and within the Churnet Valley by all forms of sustainable transport. In addition support for measures to protect and enhance the biodiversity, landscape character and heritage assets of the valley are all likely to lead to additional positive effects. Whilst no significant negative effects were predicted, a number of policy improvements were identified as follows: **Mitigation:** The policy should refer to the District's GI Strategy and to meeting the needs of older people, including with extra care housing. The policy should seek to mitigate the impacts of climate change through supporting delivery of renewable and low carbon forms of energy. The policy should also refer to taking opportunities to enhance the character and appearance of the landscape, including the historic landscape, paying particular attention to the quality of the urban / rural interface and to increasing tourist opportunities for visitors.						

Table 20.14 Assessment Table for Preferred Option Policy SS13 Churnet Valley Strategy

Preferred Option Policy SS14 Northern Gateway Opportunity Site

SA Framework		SS14 Northern Gateway Opportunity Site				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Social: Need to address: Implications of an increasingly ageing population; Meeting identified housing need, including the need for affordable homes and provision of an appropriate mix of house types and tenures; Reducing health inequalities; Opportunities to improve the health of older people through appropriate housing and access to community facilities and services;	1 Community cohesion and neighbourhood quality	The policy could enable the provision of new community facilities and services.	+	+	+	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Northern Gateway **Temporary / Permanent:** Permanent **Assumptions made**:Design principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions. **Mitigation**: Policy should specify the need to have regard to the Green Infrastructure Strategy for the district.
	2 Improving access to jobs, services and facilities	Serving a regional need for employment and potentially other community requirements may help to advance equality of opportunity and address need.	+	+	+	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Northern Gateway **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	3 Improve health and reduce health inequalities	Policy addresses need for high quality employment development. This objective will be addressed by other policies in the plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Northern Gateway **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Appropriate proposals come forward in the plan period. **Mitigation**: Policy should require measures to improve connectivity and accessibility to the site by sustainable transport means having regard to the GI strategy.
	4 Minimise opportunities for crime and reduce fear of crime	This will be managed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Northern Gateway **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Design principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.

SA Framework		SS14 Northern Gateway Opportunity Site				
Summary of Baseline Situation	**SA Objective**	**Predicted Effects**				**Assumptions and mitigation**
		Nature of Effect	**ST**	**MT**	**LT**	**Justification for assessment**
Quantity, quality and accessibility of sports and recreation facilities, including open space; Any shortfall in school places; Creation of accessible and safe public and private environments; Modal shift away from journeys by car; Measures that reduce the need to travel; Accessibility for those without a car is maintained and improved.	5 Ensure supply new homes to meet local needs including affordable / social / extra care	This will be managed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Northern Gateway **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	6 Reduce number of journeys made by car	The proposal could significantly increase the need to travel by less sustainable forms of transport, increasing road traffic and congestion, and this is likely to lead to negative effects on climate change.	-	--	--	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Northern Gateway **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Proposal will generate significant additional demand for travel. **Mitigation**: Policy should require measures to improve connectivity and accessibility to the site by sustainable transport means having regard to the GI strategy.
Environmental Need to address:	7 Minimise contributions to climate change, consider climate change adaptation	More information is required in order to assess the impact of the policy on greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption.	i	i	i	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Northern Gateway **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions**

SA Framework		SS14 Northern Gateway Opportunity Site				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Climate change as a key sustainability issue; Use of areas in flood zone 1 and away from sources of risk; Support for the re-use of construction or construction waste materials; Retention of the distinctive character of the landscape with any change managed positively; Requirement to carry out an Appropriate Assessment of land use plans affecting Natura 2000 sites (HRA); Scope for protecting and enhancing habitats of						**made**: New development will lead to an increase in energy use and carbon emissions. Energy efficiency of new build development will be addressed at planning application stage and through building regulations. **Mitigation**: Policy should seek to mitigate the impacts of climate change through supporting delivery of renewable and low carbon forms of energy.
	8 Improve air quality	More information is required to assess how the delivery of new development under this policy would impact on air quality targets and the performance of identified areas of poor air quality.	i	i	i	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Northern Gateway **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: No Air Quality Management Areas have been declared in the district. **Mitigation**: The location of identified areas of poor air quality should be a factor in considering preferred locations for new development. Delivery of significant soft landscape features should be required.
	9 Reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources	All new development will address flood risk mitigation / adaptation.	i	i	i	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Northern Gateway **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: The impact of new development on flood risk will be managed through the planning application progress and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	10 Conserve and enhance biodiversity	Site includes improved grassland, species-poor hedgerow and scattered trees considered of importance to nature conservation at the site level only. A single length of species-rich hedgerow in the northern area of the site is considered to be of importance at the local level. Species recorded on site are common and widespread both at a county and national level.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Northern Gateway **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Impacts on biodiversity can be managed by other policies in the Local Plan. Prior to any development ponds are surveyed for great crested newts, and further surveys are undertaken for badgers, bat activity and reptiles, in addition to any further ecological reports requested to accompany a planning proposal.

SA Framework		SS14 Northern Gateway Opportunity Site				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
importance for nature conservation, with creation of new habitats where possible; The risk of adverse effects on historic assets; Need for better quality facilities for tourists including serviced accommodation and improved evening economy in towns.	11 Safeguard geological resources including the best and most versatile agricultural land	This will be managed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Northern Gateway **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on geological resources will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	12 Minimise the use of non-renewable resources	This will be managed through other policies in the Local Plan. The site is partially located within a mineral consultation area - bedrock sand.	i/-	i/-	i/-	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Northern Gateway **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions. **Mitigation**: Appropriate consultation will need take place to ensure sand resources are safeguarded from unnecessary sterilisation by non-mineral development.
	13 Protect and enhance character of towns / villages; heritage assets and their settings	There are no heritage or archaeological assets identified on the site or in its immediate vicinity. Any impacts can be managed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Northern Gateway **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	14 Protect and enhance character / appearance of landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets	The site as a whole is extensively surrounded by farm land to the east, south and west and by housing and built environment to the north. However, it is effectively isolated from the wider landscape because it is encircled by major roads (the A50 and A521) to the north and east, Cresswell Lane to the south and the Crewe to Derby railway line to the west.	i/-	i/-	i/-	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Northern Gateway **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions. **Mitigation**: Policy should support measures to enhance, protect and interpret landscape character.

SA Framework		SS14 Northern Gateway Opportunity Site				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
	15 Encourage sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness	The policy could support opportunities for investment in culture and tourism, particularly through a potential mixed use scheme.	+/i	+/i	+/i	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Northern Gateway **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
Economic Need to address Meeting local employment needs to achieve self-sufficient communities; Initiatives to encourage further employment development and retention / expansion of existing businesses; Diversification of the economic base to improve employment opportunities;	16 Safeguard vitality of towns and sustain vibrant rural economy	Policy intent is to support the emerging Northern Gateway regeneration initiative and this is likely to enhance the vitality and viability of the area's towns and villages.	+	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale of effect**: Northern Gateway **Temporary / Permanent** Permanent **Assumptions made**:Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	17 Sustainable economic growth and diversification of the economy	The policy could encourage investment in businesses, people and infrastructure and this is likely to lead to a strengthened and more diversified economy.	+	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Northern Gateway **Temporary / Permanent**:Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	18 High and stable level of employment	Policy intent is to deliver high quality employment development and this is likely to facilitate the delivery of new employment opportunities.	++	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Northern Gateway **Temporary / Permanent**:Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.

SA Framework		SS14 Northern Gateway Opportunity Site				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Safeguarding good quality employment sites from development for other uses; Provision of relevant employment skills, training and support to help retain and develop a local workforce; Maintaining the vitality and viability of the towns and protection of the towns as service centres; Measures to encourage people to shop in the area; Enhancement of local distinctiveness; Protection of the retail function in the heart of the town centres.						

SA Framework		SS14 Northern Gateway Opportunity Site				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Summary of significant effects of policy: Policy SS14 Northern Gateway Opportunity Site supports the development of a Regional Investment Site for high quality employment development at this location and in line with the Northern Gateway. This is a large site (the northern area is approximately 19.28 ha and the southern area is approximately 29.3 ha) on the south-eastern outskirts of Blythe Bridge. The A50 runs through the middle of the site from the north-west to the south-east. The site as a whole is extensively surrounded by farm land to the east, south and west and by housing and built environment to the north. However, it is effectively isolated from the wider landscape because it is encircled by major roads (the A50 and A521) to the north and east, Cresswell Lane to the south and the Crewe to Derby railway line to the west. The river Blithe runs adjacent to the railway line further to the west. The majority of the site consists of uniform, improved grassland used for pasture. This habitat is common and widespread both locally and throughout the UK. Policy intent is to deliver high quality employment development and this is likely to encourage investment in businesses, people and infrastructure leading to a strengthened and more diversified economy, and facilitating the delivery of new employment opportunities. Further positive effects for minimising disadvantages are likely as a result of the site serving a regional need for employment and potentially other community requirements as this may help to advance equality of opportunity and address community need. However potentially significant negative effects on climate change were predicted as the proposal could significantly increase the need to travel by less sustainable forms of transport, increasing road traffic and congestion. Also the site is partially located within a mineral consultation area - bedrock sand. A number of policy improvements were identified as follows: **Mitigation:** The policy should require measures to improve connectivity and accessibility to the site by sustainable transport means having regard to the GI strategy. The policy should also seek to mitigate the impacts of climate change through supporting delivery of renewable and low carbon forms of energy and should support measures to enhance, protect and interpret landscape character. In addition, appropriate consultation will need take place to ensure sand resources are safeguarded from unnecessary sterilisation by non-mineral development.					

Table 20.15 Assessment Table for Preferred Option Policy SS14 Northern Gateway Opportunity Site

Preferred Option Policy SS15 Planning Obligations and Community Infrastructure Levy

SA Framework		SS15 Planning Obligations and Community Infrastructure Levy				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Social: Need to address:	1 Community cohesion and neighbourhood quality	The policy could enable the provision of new community facilities and services.	+	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent:** Permanent **Assumptions made**:Design principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.

SA Framework		SS15 Planning Obligations and Community Infrastructure Levy				
Summary of Baseline Situation	**SA Objective**	**Predicted Effects**				**Assumptions and mitigation**
		Nature of Effect	**ST**	**MT**	**LT**	**Justification for assessment**
Implications of an increasingly ageing population; Meeting identified housing need, including the need for affordable homes and provision of an appropriate mix of house types and tenures; Reducing health inequalities; Opportunities to improve the health of older people through appropriate housing and access to community facilities and services; Quantity, quality and accessibility of sports and recreation facilities, including open space;						
	2 Improving access to jobs, services and facilities	This will be managed through other policies in the Local Plan	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	3 Improve health and reduce health inequalities	This objective will be addressed by other policies in the plan, although developer contributions may help to ensure delivery of appropriate quantity and quality of open space, sport and recreation facilities and this may have an indirectly positive effect on this objective.	+	+	+	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Appropriate proposals come forward in the plan period.
	4 Minimise opportunities for crime and reduce fear of crime	This will be managed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Northern Gateway **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Design principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	5 Ensure supply new homes to meet local needs including affordable / social / extra care	This will be managed through other policies in the Local Plan although developer contributions may help to ensure delivery of affordable homes.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Northern Gateway T**emporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	6 Reduce number of journeys made by car	This will be managed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.

SA Framework		SS15 Planning Obligations and Community Infrastructure Levy				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Any shortfall in school places; Creation of accessible and safe public and private environments; Modal shift away from journeys by car; Measures that reduce the need to travel; Accessibility for those without a car is maintained and improved.						
Environmental Need to address: Climate change as a key sustainability issue; Use of areas in flood zone 1 and away from sources of risk;	7 Minimise contributions to climate change, consider climate change adaptation	This will be managed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: New development will lead to an increase in energy use and carbon emissions. Energy efficiency of new build development will be addressed at planning application stage and through building regulations.
	8 Improve air quality	More information is required to assess how the delivery of new development would impact on air quality targets and the performance	i	i	i	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: No Air Quality Management Areas have been declared in the district. **Mitigation**: The location of identified areas of poor air quality

SA Framework		SS15 Planning Obligations and Community Infrastructure Levy				
Summary of Baseline Situation	**SA Objective**	**Predicted Effects**				**Assumptions and mitigation**
		Nature of Effect	**ST**	**MT**	**LT**	**Justification for assessment**
Support for the re-use of construction or construction waste materials; Retention of the distinctive character of the landscape with any change managed positively; Requirement to carry out an Appropriate Assessment of land use plans affecting Natura 2000 sites (HRA); Scope for protecting and enhancing habitats of importance for nature conservation, with creation of new habitats where possible;		of identified areas of poor air quality.				should be a factor in considering preferred locations for new development. Delivery of significant soft landscape features should be required.
	9 Reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources	All new development will address flood risk mitigation / adaptation.	i	i	i	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: The impact of new development on flood risk will be managed through the planning application progress and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	10 Conserve and enhance biodiversity	This will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Impacts on biodiversity can be managed by other policies in the Local Plan.
	11 Safeguard geological resources including the best and most versatile agricultural land	This will be managed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on geological resources will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	12 Minimise the use of non-renewable resources	This will be managed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	13	This will be managed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on townscape and heritage assets will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.

SA Framework		SS15 Planning Obligations and Community Infrastructure Levy				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
The risk of adverse effects on historic assets; Need for better quality facilities for tourists including serviced accommodation and improved evening economy in towns.	Protect and enhance character of towns / villages; heritage assets and their settings					
	14 Protect and enhance character / appearance of landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets	This will be managed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on landscape and natural assets will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	15 Encourage sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness	This will be managed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
Economic Need to address Meeting local employment needs to achieve self-sufficient communities; Initiatives to encourage further employment development and	16 Safeguard vitality of towns and sustain vibrant rural economy	This objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale of effect**: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent** Permanent **Assumptions made**:Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	17 Sustainable economic growth and diversification of the economy	This objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**:Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.

SA Framework		SS15 Planning Obligations and Community Infrastructure Levy				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
retention / expansion of existing businesses; Diversification of the economic base to improve employment opportunities; Safeguarding good quality employment sites from development for other uses; Provision of relevant employment skills, training and support to help retain and develop a local workforce; Maintaining the vitality and viability of the towns and protection of the towns as service centres; Measures to encourage people to shop in the area;	18 High and stable level of employment	This objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**:Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.

SA Framework		SS15 Planning Obligations and Community Infrastructure Levy				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Enhancement of local distinctiveness; Protection of the retail function in the heart of the town centres.						
Summary of significant effects of policy: Policy SS15 Planning Obligations and Community Infrastructure Levy provides clarity regarding the Council's approach to developer contributions. The policy could enable the provision of new, or the significant enhancement of existing, community facilities and services and this is likely to make a positive contribution towards community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live. Further positive effects on health and the supply of new homes to meet need were identified, as developer contributions may help to ensure the delivery of an appropriate quantity and quality of open space, sport and recreation facilities and an increase in the supply of affordable homes. No policy improvements were identified.						

Table 20.16 Assessment Table for Preferred Option Policy SS15 Planning Obligations and Community Infrastructure Levy

20.2 Development Management Policies

20.2.1 Sustainable Development

Preferred Option Policy SD1 Sustainable Use of Resources

SA Framework		Preferred Option Policy: SD1 Sustainable Use of Resources				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Social: Need to address: Implications of an increasingly ageing population; Meeting identified housing need, including the need for affordable homes and provision of an appropriate mix of house types and tenures; Reducing health inequalities; Opportunities to improve the health of older people through appropriate	1 Community cohesion and neighbourhood quality	Responding to the issue of climate change is likely to lead to indirect and positive benefits for the social and environmental quality of neighbourhoods in the long term.	0	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent:** Permanent **Assumptions made**:Design principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	2 Improving access to jobs, services and facilities	Policy supports development that is located to minimise energy needs and this is likely to result in the location of development in proximity to existing services and facilities, leading to positive effects.	+	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	3 Improve health and reduce health inequalities	This objective will be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Any impacts on health will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	4 Minimise opportunities for crime and reduce fear of crime	This objective will be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Any impacts on crime will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	5	This objective will be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Any impacts

SA Framework		Preferred Option Policy: SD1 Sustainable Use of Resources				
Summary of Baseline Situation	**SA Objective**	**Predicted Effects**				**Assumptions and mitigation**
		Nature of Effect	**ST**	**MT**	**LT**	**Justification for assessment**
housing and access to community facilities and services;	Ensure supply new homes to meet local needs including affordable / social / extra care					on meeting housing needs will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
Quantity, quality and accessibility of sports and recreation facilities, including open space; Any shortfall in school places; Creation of accessible and safe public and private environments; Modal shift away from journeys by car; Measures that reduce the need to travel; Accessibility for those without a car is maintained and improved.	6 Reduce number of journeys made by car	Policy gives encouragement to development in sustainable locations and this is likely to lead to contributions towards reducing the number of journeys made by car.	+	+	+	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: A sequential approach will help to focus development close to existing communities.

SA Framework		Preferred Option Policy: SD1 Sustainable Use of Resources				
Summary of Baseline Situation	**SA Objective**	**Predicted Effects**				**Assumptions and mitigation**
		Nature of Effect	**ST**	**MT**	**LT**	**Justification for assessment**
Environmental Need to address: Climate change as a key sustainability issue; Use of areas in flood zone 1 and away from sources of risk; Support for the re-use of construction or construction waste materials; Retention of the distinctive character of the landscape with any change managed positively; Requirement to carry out an Appropriate Assessment of	7 Minimise contributions to climate change, consider climate change adaptation	Policy requires all development to adapt to climate change and this is likely to lead to significant positive effects on this objective.	+	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: New development will lead to an increase in energy use and carbon emissions. This policy will provide a framework to help mitigate impacts.
	8 Improve air quality	Policy intention is the sustainable use of resources and adaptation to climate change. More information is required to assess how the delivery of new development under this policy would impact on air quality targets and the performance of identified areas of poor air quality.	i	i	i	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: No Air Quality Management Areas have been declared in the district. **Mitigation**: The location of identified areas of poor air quality should be a factor in considering preferred locations for new development. Delivery of significant soft landscape features should be required.
	9 Reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources	All new development will address flood risk mitigation / adaptation.	i	i	i	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: The impact of new development on flood risk will be managed through the planning application progress and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	10 Conserve and enhance biodiversity	The policy seeks to make effective use of previously developed land and to support proposals that that remediate brownfield sites. Significance of effect is dependent on implementation of the policy.	i	i	i	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on biodiversity will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan. **Mitigation**: Policy should clarify that any remediation of brownfield land should pay particular attention to the need to identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources.
	11	The policy seeks to make effective use of previously developed land and to support proposals that remediate	i/+	i/+	i/+	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts

SA Framework		Preferred Option Policy: SD1 Sustainable Use of Resources				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
land use plans affecting Natura 2000 sites (HRA); Scope for protecting and enhancing habitats of importance for nature conservation, with creation of new habitats where possible; The risk of adverse effects on historic assets; Need for better quality facilities for tourists including serviced accommodation and improved evening economy in towns.	Safeguard geological resources including the best and most versatile agricultural land	brownfield sites. Significance of effect is dependent on implementation of the policy.				on geological resources will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	12 Minimise the use of non-renewable resources	Policy encourages re-use of construction or construction waste materials and this is likely to result in significant positive effects.	++	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	13 Protect and enhance character of towns / villages; heritage assets and their settings	This objective will be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Any impacts on townscape character and heritage will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	14 Protect and enhance character / appearance of landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets	This objective will be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Any impacts on landscape character and natural assets will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	15 Encourage sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness	This objective will be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on sustainable tourism and the cultural economy will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.

SA Framework		Preferred Option Policy: SD1 Sustainable Use of Resources				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Economic Need to address Meeting local employment needs to achieve self-sufficient communities; Initiatives to encourage further employment development and retention / expansion of existing businesses; Diversification of the economic base to improve employment opportunities; Safeguarding good quality employment sites from development for other uses; Provision of relevant employment skills, training and support to help	16 Safeguard vitality of towns and sustain vibrant rural economy	Policy gives encouragement to development on previously developed land in sustainable locations and this could lead to enhancing the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages.	+	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale of effect**: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent** Permanent **Assumptions made**:Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	17 Sustainable economic growth and diversification of the economy	This will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**:Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on economic growth will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	18 High and stable level of employment	This will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**:Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on economic growth will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.

SA Framework		Preferred Option Policy: SD1 Sustainable Use of Resources				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
retain and develop a local workforce; Maintaining the vitality and viability of the towns and protection of the towns as service centres; Measures to encourage people to shop in the area; Enhancement of local distinctiveness; Protection of the retail function in the heart of the town centres.						

Summary of significant effects of policy:
Policy SD1 Sustainable Use of Resources sets out a range of measures in relation to the sustainable use of resources and measures to address climate change. These include encouragement to be given to development on previously developed land and a requirement for major developments to demonstrate consideration given to energy efficiency, water conservation, sourcing of construction materials, site orientation and integration of micro-renewables. Significant positive effects on minimising contributions to climate change are predicted to arise from the policy requirement that all development should adapt to climate change and encouragement for the re-use of construction or construction waste materials. Further positive effects are likely to result from the support for development that is located to minimise energy needs as this is likely to result in the location of development in proximity to existing services and facilities. Whilst no significant negative effects were predicted, a policy improvement was identified as follows:

SA Framework		Preferred Option Policy: SD1 Sustainable Use of Resources				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Mitigation: Policy should clarify that any remediation of brownfield land should pay particular attention to the need to identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources.						

Table 20.17 Assessment Table for Preferred Option Policy SD1 Sustainable Use of Resources

Preferred Option Policy SD2 Renewable / Low carbon energy

SA Framework		Preferred Option Policy: SD2 Renewable / low carbon energy				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Social: Need to address: Implications of an increasingly ageing population; Meeting identified housing need, including the need for affordable homes and provision of an appropriate mix of house types and tenures; Reducing health inequalities;	1 Community cohesion and neighbourhood quality	Policy requires consideration to be given to the impact of schemes on the amenity of residents and this is likely to lead to indirect and positive benefits for the social and environmental quality of neighbourhoods in the long term.	0	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent:** Permanent **Assumptions made**:Design principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	2 Improving access to jobs, services and facilities	This objective will be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Any impacts on equality of opportunity will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan..
	3 Improve health and reduce health inequalities	This objective will be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Any impacts on health will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.

SA Framework		Preferred Option Policy: SD2 Renewable / low carbon energy				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Opportunities to improve the health of older people through appropriate housing and access to community facilities and services; Quantity, quality and accessibility of sports and recreation facilities, including open space; Any shortfall in school places; Creation of accessible and safe public and private environments; Modal shift away from journeys by car; Measures that reduce the need to travel;	4 Minimise opportunities for crime and reduce fear of crime	This objective will be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Any impacts on crime will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	5 Ensure supply new homes to meet local needs including affordable / social / extra care	This objective will be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Any impacts on meeting housing needs will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	6 Reduce number of journeys made by car	This objective will be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on reducing the number of journeys made by car will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.

SA Framework		Preferred Option Policy: SD2 Renewable / low carbon energy				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Accessibility for those without a car is maintained and improved.						
Environmental Need to address: Climate change as a key sustainability issue; Use of areas in flood zone 1 and away from sources of risk; Support for the re-use of construction or construction waste materials; Retention of the distinctive character of the landscape with any change managed positively;	7 Minimise contributions to climate change, consider climate change adaptation	Policy intent is to meet part of the District's future energy demand through renewable or low-carbon energy sources and this is likely to lead to significant positive effects on this objective.	++	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	8 Improve air quality	This objective will be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: No Air Quality Management Areas have been declared in the district. Any impacts on air quality will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	9 Reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources	All new development will address flood risk mitigation / adaptation.	i	i	i	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: The impact of new development on flood risk will be managed through the planning application progress and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	10 Conserve and enhance biodiversity	Policy requires the impact of schemes on national and local biodiversity to be considered in accordance with other policies in the Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on biodiversity will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.

SA Framework		Preferred Option Policy: SD2 Renewable / low carbon energy				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Requirement to carry out an Appropriate Assessment of land use plans affecting Natura 2000 sites (HRA); Scope for protecting and enhancing habitats of importance for nature conservation, with creation of new habitats where possible; The risk of adverse effects on historic assets; Need for better quality facilities for tourists including serviced accommodation and improved evening economy in towns.	11 Safeguard geological resources including the best and most versatile agricultural land	This objective will be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on geological resources will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	12 Minimise the use of non-renewable resources	This objective will be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on non-renewable resources will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	13 Protect and enhance character of towns / villages; heritage assets and their settings	This objective will be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Any impacts on townscape character and heritage will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	14 Protect and enhance character / appearance of landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets	Policy requires the impact of schemes on the landscape and on the National Park to be considered in accordance with other policies in the Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Any impacts on landscape character and natural assets will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan. **Mitigation**: The policy should include reference to impacts on the historic landscape.
	15	This objective will be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on sustainable

SA Framework		Preferred Option Policy: SD2 Renewable / low carbon energy				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
	Encourage sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness					tourism and the cultural economy will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
Economic Need to address Meeting local employment needs to achieve self-sufficient communities; Initiatives to encourage further employment development and retention / expansion of existing businesses; Diversification of the economic base to improve employment opportunities; Safeguarding good quality employment sites from development for other uses;	16 Safeguard vitality of towns and sustain vibrant rural economy	This objective will be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale of effect**: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent** Permanent **Assumptions made**:Any impacts on the vitality and viability of towns and villages will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	17 Sustainable economic growth and diversification of the economy	This will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**:Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on economic growth will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	18 High and stable level of employment	This will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**:Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on economic growth will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.

SA Framework		Preferred Option Policy: SD2 Renewable / low carbon energy				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Provision of relevant employment skills, training and support to help retain and develop a local workforce; Maintaining the vitality and viability of the towns and protection of the towns as service centres; Measures to encourage people to shop in the area; Enhancement of local distinctiveness; Protection of the retail function in the heart of the town centres.						
Summary of significant effects of policy: **Policy SD2 Renewable / low-carbon energy** gives support to new renewable energy development whilst recognising that the siting and design of all stand-alone renewables installations requires careful consideration to protect the natural and built environment and other amenities. Significant positive effects on minimising contributions to climate change are predicted to arise from the policy intent to meet part of the District's future energy demand through renewable or low-carbon energy sources. Whilst no significant negative effects were predicted, a policy improvement was identified as follows:						

SA Framework		Preferred Option Policy: SD2 Renewable / low carbon energy				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Mitigation: The policy should clarify that impacts on the landscape includes the historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.						

Table 20.18 Assessment Table for Preferred Option Policy SD2 Renewable / low carbon energy

Preferred Option Policy SD3 Sustainability Measures in Development

SA Framework		Preferred Option Policy: SD3 Sustainability Measures in Development				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Social: Need to address: Implications of an increasingly ageing population; Meeting identified housing need, including the need for affordable homes and provision of an appropriate mix of house types and tenures; Reducing health inequalities;	1 Community cohesion and neighbourhood quality	This objective will be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent:** Permanent **Assumptions made**:Any impacts on community cohesion will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	2 Improving access to jobs, services and facilities	This objective will be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Any impacts on equality of opportunity will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	3 Improve health and reduce health inequalities	This objective will be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Any impacts on health will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.

SA Framework		Preferred Option Policy: SD3 Sustainability Measures in Development				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Opportunities to improve the health of older people through appropriate housing and access to community facilities and services; Quantity, quality and accessibility of sports and recreation facilities, including open space; Any shortfall in school places; Creation of accessible and safe public and private environments; Modal shift away from journeys by car; Measures that reduce the need to travel;	4 Minimise opportunities for crime and reduce fear of crime	This objective will be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Any impacts on crime will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	5 Ensure supply new homes to meet local needs including affordable / social / extra care	This objective will be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Any impacts on meeting housing needs will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	6 Reduce number of journeys made by car	This objective will be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on reducing the number of journeys made by car will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.

SA Framework		Preferred Option Policy: SD3 Sustainability Measures in Development				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Accessibility for those without a car is maintained and improved.						
Environmental Need to address: Climate change as a key sustainability issue; Use of areas in flood zone 1 and away from sources of risk; Support for the re-use of construction or construction waste materials; Retention of the distinctive character of the landscape with any change managed positively; Requirement to carry out an Appropriate Assessment of	7 Minimise contributions to climate change, consider climate change adaptation	Policy intent is to support further carbon- or water- saving measures in new and existing developments and this is likely to lead to significant positive effects on this objective.	++	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions. **Improvement:** All new residential and commercial development where car parking / garaging is proposed should be required to install a facility to permit the recharge of an electrical battery-powered vehicle.
	8 Improve air quality	This objective will be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: No Air Quality Management Areas have been declared in the district. Any impacts on air quality will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	9 Reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources	All new development will address flood risk mitigation / adaptation.	i	i	i	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: The impact of new development on flood risk will be managed through the planning application progress and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	10 Conserve and enhance biodiversity	This objective will be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on biodiversity will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.

SA Framework		Preferred Option Policy: SD3 Sustainability Measures in Development				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
land use plans affecting Natura 2000 sites (HRA); Scope for protecting and enhancing habitats of importance for nature conservation, with creation of new habitats where possible; The risk of adverse effects on historic assets; Need for better quality facilities for tourists including serviced accommodation and improved evening economy in towns.	11 Safeguard geological resources including the best and most versatile agricultural land	This objective will be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on geological resources will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	12 Minimise the use of non-renewable resources	This objective will be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on non-renewable resources will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	13 Protect and enhance character of towns / villages; heritage assets and their settings	This objective will be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Any impacts on townscape character and heritage will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	14 Protect and enhance character / appearance of landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets	This objective will be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Any impacts on landscape character and natural assets will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	15	This objective will be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on sustainable

SA Framework		Preferred Option Policy: SD3 Sustainability Measures in Development				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
	Encourage sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness					tourism and the cultural economy will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
Economic Need to address Meeting local employment needs to achieve self-sufficient communities; Initiatives to encourage further employment development and retention / expansion of existing businesses; Diversification of the economic base to improve employment opportunities; Safeguarding good quality employment sites from development for other uses;	16 Safeguard vitality of towns and sustain vibrant rural economy	This objective will be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale of effect**: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent** Permanent **Assumptions made**:Any impacts on the vitality and viability of towns and villages will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	17 Sustainable economic growth and diversification of the economy	This will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**:Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on economic growth will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	18 High and stable level of employment	This will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**:Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on economic growth will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.

SA Framework		Preferred Option Policy: SD3 Sustainability Measures in Development				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Provision of relevant employment skills, training and support to help retain and develop a local workforce; Maintaining the vitality and viability of the towns and protection of the towns as service centres; Measures to encourage people to shop in the area; Enhancement of local distinctiveness; Protection of the retail function in the heart of the town centres.						
Summary of significant effects of policy: **Policy SD3 Sustainability Measures in Development** supports a number of measures which can improve the sustainability of new or existing development, including exceeding thermal efficiency or water conservation standards, contributing to District Heating networks or the installation of micro-renewables. Significant positive effects on minimising contributions to climate change are predicted to arise from the policy intent to support further carbon- or water-saving measures. No significant negative effects were predicted however a policy improvement was identified as follows:						

SA Framework		Preferred Option Policy: SD3 Sustainability Measures in Development				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Mitigation: All new residential and commercial development where car parking / garaging is proposed should be required to install a facility to permit the recharge of an electrical battery-powered vehicle.						

Table 20.19 Assessment Table for Preferred Option Policy SD3 Sustainability Measures in Development

Preferred Option Policy SD4 Pollution

SA Framework		Preferred Option Policy: SD4 Pollution				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Social: Need to address: Implications of an increasingly ageing population; Meeting identified housing need, including the need for affordable homes and provision of an appropriate mix of house types and tenures; Reducing health inequalities;	1 Community cohesion and neighbourhood quality	This objective will be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent:** Permanent **Assumptions made**:Any impacts on community cohesion will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	2 Improving access to jobs, services and facilities	This objective will be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Any impacts on equality of opportunity will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	3 Improve health and reduce health inequalities	This objective will be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Any impacts on health will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.

SA Framework		Preferred Option Policy: SD4 Pollution				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Opportunities to improve the health of older people through appropriate housing and access to community facilities and services; Quantity, quality and accessibility of sports and recreation facilities, including open space; Any shortfall in school places; Creation of accessible and safe public and private environments; Modal shift away from journeys by car; Measures that reduce the need to travel;	4 Minimise opportunities for crime and reduce fear of crime	This objective will be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Any impacts on crime will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	5 Ensure supply new homes to meet local needs including affordable / social / extra care	This objective will be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Any impacts on meeting housing needs will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	6 Reduce number of journeys made by car	This objective will be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on reducing the number of journeys made by car will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.

SA Framework		Preferred Option Policy: SD4 Pollution				
Summary of Baseline Situation	**SA Objective**	**Predicted Effects**				**Assumptions and mitigation**
		Nature of Effect	**ST**	**MT**	**LT**	**Justification for assessment**
Accessibility for those without a car is maintained and improved.						
Environmental Need to address: Climate change as a key sustainability issue; Use of areas in flood zone 1 and away from sources of risk; Support for the re-use of construction or construction waste materials; Retention of the distinctive character of the landscape with any change managed positively;	7 Minimise contributions to climate change, consider climate change adaptation	This objective will be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on climate change will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	8 Improve air quality	Policy intent is to avoid or mitigate unacceptable impacts of air pollution and this is likely to lead to a significant positive effect on this objective.	++	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: No Air Quality Management Areas have been declared in the district.
	9 Reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources	All new development will address flood risk mitigation / adaptation.	i	i	i	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: The impact of new development on flood risk will be managed through the planning application progress and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	10 Conserve and enhance biodiversity	This objective will be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on biodiversity will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	11	Policy intent is to avoid or mitigate unacceptable impacts of land pollution and this is likely to lead to a significant positive effect on this objective.	++	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.

SA Framework		Preferred Option Policy: SD4 Pollution				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Requirement to carry out an Appropriate Assessment of land use plans affecting Natura 2000 sites (HRA); Scope for protecting and enhancing habitats of importance for nature conservation, with creation of new habitats where possible; The risk of adverse effects on historic assets; Need for better quality facilities for tourists including serviced accommodation and improved evening economy in towns.	Safeguard geological resources including the best and most versatile agricultural land					
	12 Minimise the use of non-renewable resources	This objective will be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on non-renewable resources will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	13 Protect and enhance character of towns / villages; heritage assets and their settings	This objective will be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Any impacts on townscape character and heritage will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	14 Protect and enhance character / appearance of landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets	This objective will be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Any impacts on landscape character and natural assets will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	15 Encourage sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness	This objective will be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on sustainable tourism and the cultural economy will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.

SA Framework		Preferred Option Policy: SD4 Pollution				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Economic Need to address Meeting local employment needs to achieve self-sufficient communities; Initiatives to encourage further employment development and retention / expansion of existing businesses; Diversification of the economic base to improve employment opportunities; Safeguarding good quality employment sites from development for other uses; Provision of relevant employment skills, training and	16 Safeguard vitality of towns and sustain vibrant rural economy	This objective will be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale of effect**: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent** Permanent **Assumptions made**:Any impacts on the vitality and viability of towns and villages will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	17 Sustainable economic growth and diversification of the economy	This will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**:Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on economic growth will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	18 High and stable level of employment	This will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**:Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on economic growth will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.

SA Framework		Preferred Option Policy: SD4 Pollution				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
support to help retain and develop a local workforce; Maintaining the vitality and viability of the towns and protection of the towns as service centres; Measures to encourage people to shop in the area; Enhancement of local distinctiveness; Protection of the retail function in the heart of the town centres.						
Summary of significant effects of policy: **Policy SD4 Pollution** seeks to ensure that the effects of pollution (air, land, noise, water, light) are avoided or mitigated. Significant positive effects on improving air quality and soil and land resources are predicted to result. No significant negative effects were predicted.						

Table 20.20 Assessment Table for Preferred Option Policy SD4 Pollution

Preferred Option Policy SD5 Flood Risk

SA Framework		Preferred Option Policy: SD5 Flood Risk				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Social: Need to address: Implications of an increasingly ageing population; Meeting identified housing need, including the need for affordable homes and provision of an appropriate mix of house types and tenures; Reducing health inequalities; Opportunities to improve the health of older people through appropriate housing and access to community facilities and services;	1 Community cohesion and neighbourhood quality	This objective will be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent:** Permanent **Assumptions made**:Any impacts on community cohesion will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	2 Improving access to jobs, services and facilities	This objective will be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Any impacts on equality of opportunity will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	3 Improve health and reduce health inequalities	This objective will be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Any impacts on health will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	4 Minimise opportunities for crime and reduce fear of crime	This objective will be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Any impacts on crime will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	5 Ensure supply new homes to meet local needs including affordable / social / extra care	This objective will be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Any impacts on meeting housing needs will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.

SA Framework		Preferred Option Policy: SD5 Flood Risk				
Summary of Baseline Situation	**SA Objective**	**Predicted Effects**				**Assumptions and mitigation**
		Nature of Effect	**ST**	**MT**	**LT**	**Justification for assessment**
Quantity, quality and accessibility of sports and recreation facilities, including open space; Any shortfall in school places; Creation of accessible and safe public and private environments; Modal shift away from journeys by car; Measures that reduce the need to travel; Accessibility for those without a car is maintained and improved.	6 Reduce number of journeys made by car	This objective will be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on reducing the number of journeys made by car will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
Environmental Need to address:	7 Minimise contributions to climate change, consider climate change adaptation	This objective will be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on climate change will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.

SA Framework		Preferred Option Policy: SD5 Flood Risk				
Summary of Baseline Situation	**SA Objective**	**Predicted Effects**				**Assumptions and mitigation**
		Nature of Effect	**ST**	**MT**	**LT**	**Justification for assessment**
Climate change as a key sustainability issue; Use of areas in flood zone 1 and away from sources of risk; Support for the re-use of construction or construction waste materials; Retention of the distinctive character of the landscape with any change managed positively; Requirement to carry out an Appropriate Assessment of land use plans affecting Natura 2000 sites (HRA); Scope for protecting and enhancing habitats of importance for						
	8 Improve air quality	This objective will be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: No Air Quality Management Areas have been declared in the district. Any impacts on air quality will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	9 Reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources	Policy intent is to manage flood risk and this is likely to lead to significant positive effects on this objective	++	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions. **Mitigation:** When considering planning applications the Council should also have regard to the Local Flood Risk Management Strategy; the Policy might also include that where a watercourse is present on a development site, it should be retained or restored into a natural state and enhanced where possible.
	10 Conserve and enhance biodiversity	This objective will be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on biodiversity will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	11 Safeguard geological resources including the best and most versatile agricultural land	This objective will be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on geological resources will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.

SA Framework		Preferred Option Policy: SD5 Flood Risk				
Summary of Baseline Situation	**SA Objective**	**Predicted Effects**				**Assumptions and mitigation**
		Nature of Effect	**ST**	**MT**	**LT**	**Justification for assessment**
nature conservation, with creation of new habitats where possible; The risk of adverse effects on historic assets; Need for better quality facilities for tourists including serviced accommodation and improved evening economy in towns.	12 Minimise the use of non-renewable resources	This objective will be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on non-renewable resources will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	13 Protect and enhance character of towns / villages; heritage assets and their settings	This objective will be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Any impacts on townscape character and heritage will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	14 Protect and enhance character / appearance of landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets	This objective will be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Any impacts on landscape character and natural assets will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	15 Encourage sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness	This objective will be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on sustainable tourism and the cultural economy will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
Economic Need to address	16 Safeguard vitality of towns and sustain vibrant rural economy	This objective will be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale of effect**: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent** Permanent **Assumptions made**:Any impacts on the vitality and viability of towns and villages will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.

SA Framework		Preferred Option Policy: SD5 Flood Risk				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Meeting local employment needs to achieve self-sufficient communities; Initiatives to encourage further employment development and retention / expansion of existing businesses; Diversification of the economic base to improve employment opportunities; Safeguarding good quality employment sites from development for other uses; Provision of relevant employment skills, training and support to help retain and develop a local workforce;						
	17 Sustainable economic growth and diversification of the economy	This will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**:Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on economic growth will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	18 High and stable level of employment	This will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**:Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on economic growth will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.

SA Framework		Preferred Option Policy: SD5 Flood Risk				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Maintaining the vitality and viability of the towns and protection of the towns as service centres; Measures to encourage people to shop in the area; Enhancement of local distinctiveness; Protection of the retail function in the heart of the town centres.						
Summary of significant effects of policy: **Policy SD5 Flood Risk** establishes flood control measures. Significant positive effects on reducing flood risk are predicted to result. Whilst no significant negative effects were predicted, a policy improvement was identified as follows: **Mitigation**: When considering planning applications the Council should also have regard to the Local Flood Risk Management Strategy; the Policy might also include that where a watercourse is present on a development site, it should be retained or restored into a natural state and enhanced where possible.						

Table 20.21 Assessment Table for Preferred Option Policy SD5 Flood Risk

20.2.2 Economy and Employment

Preferred Option Policy E1 New Employment Development

SA Framework		Preferred Option Policy: E1 New Employment Development				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Social: Need to address: Implications of an increasingly ageing population; Meeting identified housing need, including the need for affordable homes and provision of an appropriate mix of house types and tenures; Reducing health inequalities; Opportunities to improve the health of older people through appropriate housing and access to	1 Community cohesion and neighbourhood quality	This objective will be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent:** Permanent **Assumptions made**:Any impacts on community cohesion will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	2 Improving access to jobs, services and facilities	Policy intent is to help maintain or enhance an appropriate range of employment premises and sites across the District in terms of scale, location and type and this is likely to lead to significant positive effects on advancing equality of opportunity.	+	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	3 Improve health and reduce health inequalities	This objective will be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Any impacts on health will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	4 Minimise opportunities for crime and reduce fear of crime	This objective will be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Any impacts on crime will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	5	This objective will be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Any impacts

SA Framework		Preferred Option Policy: E1 New Employment Development				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
community facilities and services; Quantity, quality and accessibility of sports and recreation facilities, including open space; Any shortfall in school places; Creation of accessible and safe public and private environments; Modal shift away from journeys by car; Measures that reduce the need to travel; Accessibility for those without a car is maintained and improved.	Ensure supply new homes to meet local needs including affordable / social / extra care					on meeting housing needs will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	6 Reduce number of journeys made by car	Policy intent is to help ensure that there is a choice of sustainably located employment sites and this is likely to help reduce the number of journeys made by car.	+	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.

SA Framework		Preferred Option Policy: E1 New Employment Development				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Environmental Need to address: Climate change as a key sustainability issue; Use of areas in flood zone 1 and away from sources of risk; Support for the re-use of construction or construction waste materials; Retention of the distinctive character of the landscape with any change managed positively; Requirement to carry out an Appropriate Assessment of land use plans affecting Natura 2000 sites (HRA);	7 Minimise contributions to climate change, consider climate change adaptation	This policy supports new business developments which is likely to result in greater energy use.	-	-	-	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on climate change will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	8 Improve air quality	Policy supports business developments on existing sites and on the edge of town centres. Impact uncertain but this objective will be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan.	i/-	i/-	i/-	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: No Air Quality Management Areas have been declared in the district. Any impacts on air quality will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	9 Reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources	All new development will address flood risk mitigation / adaptation.	i	i	i	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: The impact of new development on flood risk will be managed through the planning application progress and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	10 Conserve and enhance biodiversity	This objective will be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on biodiversity will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	11 Safeguard geological resources including the best and most versatile agricultural land	This objective will be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on geological resources will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.

SA Framework		Preferred Option Policy: E1 New Employment Development				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Scope for protecting and enhancing habitats of importance for nature conservation, with creation of new habitats where possible; The risk of adverse effects on historic assets; Need for better quality facilities for tourists including serviced accommodation and improved evening economy in towns.	12 Minimise the use of non-renewable resources	This objective will be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on non-renewable resources will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	13 Protect and enhance character of towns / villages; heritage assets and their settings	This objective will be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Any impacts on townscape character and heritage will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	14 Protect and enhance character / appearance of landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets	This objective will be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan. In exceptional circumstances developments outside the settlement boundary may be supported where a rural location can be justified.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Any impacts on landscape character and natural assets will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	15 Encourage sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness	This objective will be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on sustainable tourism and the cultural economy will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
Economic Need to address	16 Safeguard vitality of towns and sustain vibrant rural economy	Policy will help ensure that there is a choice of sustainably located employment sites and this is likely to lead to significant enhancement of the vitality and viability of the District's towns	++	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale of effect**: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent** Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.

SA Framework		Preferred Option Policy: E1 New Employment Development				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Meeting local employment needs to achieve self-sufficient communities; Initiatives to encourage further employment development and retention / expansion of existing businesses; Diversification of the economic base to improve employment opportunities; Safeguarding good quality employment sites from development for other uses; Provision of relevant employment skills, training and support to help retain and develop a local workforce;		and villages, contributing to the safeguarding and improvement of shops and services.				
	17 Sustainable economic growth and diversification of the economy	Policy supports proposals that help to maintain or enhance an appropriate range of employment premises and sites across the District and this is likely to encourage investment leading to a strengthened and more diversified economy.	++	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**:Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	18 High and stable level of employment	Policy proposes local labour agreements where appropriate to contribute towards training programmes and employment support and access schemes and this is likely to contribute to meeting the employment needs of local people.	+	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**:Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.

SA Framework		Preferred Option Policy: E1 New Employment Development				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Maintaining the vitality and viability of the towns and protection of the towns as service centres; Measures to encourage people to shop in the area; Enhancement of local distinctiveness; Protection of the retail function in the heart of the town centres.						
Summary of significant effects of policy: **Policy E1 New Employment Development** will ensure that there is a choice of sustainably located employment sites, attractive to developers and operators and appropriate to market needs. In order to ensure that the local workforce and businesses benefit from new development, the policy also proposes local labour agreements where appropriate to contribute towards training programmes and employment support and access schemes. Significant positive effects on advancing equality of opportunity; safeguarding the vitality of towns and sustaining a vibrant rural economy are predicted to result. Further positive effects on sustainable economic growth, diversification of the economy and high and stable level of employment were identified. There is potential for negative effects on contribution to climate change arising from policy support for new business developments, as this is likely to result in greater energy use.						

Table 20.22 Assessment Table for Preferred Option Policy E1 New Employment Development

Preferred Option Policy E2 Employment Allocations

SA Framework		Preferred Option Policy: E2 Employment Allocations				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Social: Need to address: Implications of an increasingly ageing population; Meeting identified housing need, including the need for affordable homes and provision of an appropriate mix of house types and tenures; Reducing health inequalities; Opportunities to improve the health of older people through appropriate housing and access to community facilities and services;	1 Community cohesion and neighbourhood quality	This objective will be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent:** Permanent **Assumptions made**:Any impacts on community cohesion will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	2 Improving access to jobs, services and facilities	Policy intent is to help maintain or enhance an appropriate range of employment premises and sites across the District in terms of scale, location and type and this is likely to lead to significant positive effects on advancing equality of opportunity.	+	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	3 Improve health and reduce health inequalities	This objective will be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Any impacts on health will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	4 Minimise opportunities for crime and reduce fear of crime	This objective will be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Any impacts on crime will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	5 Ensure supply new homes to meet local needs including affordable / social / extra care	This objective will be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Any impacts on meeting housing needs will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.

SA Framework		Preferred Option Policy: E2 Employment Allocations				
Summary of Baseline Situation	**SA Objective**	**Predicted Effects**				**Assumptions and mitigation**
		Nature of Effect	**ST**	**MT**	**LT**	**Justification for assessment**
Quantity, quality and accessibility of sports and recreation facilities, including open space; Any shortfall in school places; Creation of accessible and safe public and private environments; Modal shift away from journeys by car; Measures that reduce the need to travel; Accessibility for those without a car is maintained and improved.	6 Reduce number of journeys made by car	Policy intent is to help ensure that there is a choice of sustainably located employment sites and this is likely to help reduce the number of journeys made by car.	+	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
Environmental Need to address:	7 Minimise contributions to climate change, consider climate change adaptation	This policy supports new business developments which is likely to result in greater energy use.	-	-	-	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on climate change will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.

SA Framework		Preferred Option Policy: E2 Employment Allocations				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Climate change as a key sustainability issue; Use of areas in flood zone 1 and away from sources of risk; Support for the re-use of construction or construction waste materials; Retention of the distinctive character of the landscape with any change managed positively; Requirement to carry out an Appropriate Assessment of land use plans affecting Natura 2000 sites (HRA); Scope for protecting and enhancing						
	8 Improve air quality	Policy supports business developments on existing sites and on the edge of town centres. Impact uncertain but this objective will be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan.	i/-	i/-	i/-	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: No Air Quality Management Areas have been declared in the district. Any impacts on air quality will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	9 Reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources	All new development will address flood risk mitigation / adaptation.	i	i	i	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: The impact of new development on flood risk will be managed through the planning application progress and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	10 Conserve and enhance biodiversity	This objective will be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on biodiversity will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	11 Safeguard geological resources including the best and most versatile agricultural land	This objective will be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on geological resources will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	12 Minimise the use of non-renewable resources	This objective will be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on non-renewable resources will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.

SA Framework		Preferred Option Policy: E2 Employment Allocations				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
habitats of importance for nature conservation, with creation of new habitats where possible; The risk of adverse effects on historic assets; Need for better quality facilities for tourists including serviced accommodation and improved evening economy in towns.	13 Protect and enhance character of towns / villages; heritage assets and their settings	This objective will be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Any impacts on townscape character and heritage will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	14 Protect and enhance character / appearance of landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets	This objective will be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Any impacts on landscape character and natural assets will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	15 Encourage sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness	This objective will be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on sustainable tourism and the cultural economy will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
Economic Need to address Meeting local employment needs to achieve self-sufficient communities;	16 Safeguard vitality of towns and sustain vibrant rural economy	Policy allocates sites in the three main towns and this is likely to lead to significant enhancement of the vitality and viability of the District's towns contributing to the safeguarding and improvement of shops and services.	++	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale of effect**: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent** Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	17	Allocation of sites is likely to encourage investment leading to a strengthened and more diversified economy.	++	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**:Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.

SA Framework		Preferred Option Policy: E2 Employment Allocations				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Initiatives to encourage further employment development and retention / expansion of existing businesses; Diversification of the economic base to improve employment opportunities; Safeguarding good quality employment sites from development for other uses; Provision of relevant employment skills, training and support to help retain and develop a local workforce; Maintaining the vitality and viability of the towns and protection of the towns as service centres;	Sustainable economic growth and diversification of the economy					
	18 High and stable level of employment	Allocation of sites is likely to contribute to meeting the employment needs of local people.	+	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**:Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.

SA Framework		Preferred Option Policy: E2 Employment Allocations				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Measures to encourage people to shop in the area; Enhancement of local distinctiveness; Protection of the retail function in the heart of the town centres.						
Summary of significant effects of policy: **Policy E2 Employment Allocations** ensures allocation of sufficient employment land to support the housing requirement. Significant positive effects on advancing equality of opportunity and safeguarding the vitality of towns are predicted to result. Further positive effects on sustainable economic growth, diversification of the economy and high and stable level of employment were identified. There is potential for negative effects on contribution to climate change arising from the allocation of sites for new business developments, as this is likely to result in greater energy use.						

Table 20.23 Assessment Table for Preferred Option Policy E2 Employment Allocations

Preferred Option Policy E3 Existing Employment Areas

SA Framework		Preferred Option Policy: E3 Existing Employment Areas				
Summary of Baseline Situation	**SA Objective**	**Predicted Effects**				**Assumptions and mitigation**
		Nature of Effect	**ST**	**MT**	**LT**	**Justification for assessment**
Social: Need to address: Implications of an increasingly ageing population; Meeting identified housing need, including the need for affordable homes and provision of an appropriate mix of house types and tenures; Reducing health inequalities; Opportunities to improve the health of older people through appropriate housing and access to community facilities and services;	1 Community cohesion and neighbourhood quality	This objective will be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent:** Permanent **Assumptions made**:Any impacts on community cohesion will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	2 Improving access to jobs, services and facilities	Retaining existing employment areas wherever appropriate is likely to have positive effects on advancing equality of opportunity since retained sites will be well located in relation to main roads and public transport and be capable of meeting a range of employment uses.	+	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	3 Improve health and reduce health inequalities	This objective will be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Any impacts on health will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	4 Minimise opportunities for crime and reduce fear of crime	This objective will be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Any impacts on crime will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	5	This objective will be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Any impacts on meeting housing needs will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.

SA Framework		Preferred Option Policy: E3 Existing Employment Areas				
Summary of Baseline Situation	**SA Objective**	**Predicted Effects**				**Assumptions and mitigation**
		Nature of Effect	**ST**	**MT**	**LT**	**Justification for assessment**
Quantity, quality and accessibility of sports and recreation facilities, including open space; Any shortfall in school places; Creation of accessible and safe public and private environments; Modal shift away from journeys by car; Measures that reduce the need to travel; Accessibility for those without a car is maintained and improved.	Ensure supply new homes to meet local needs including affordable / social / extra care					
	6 Reduce number of journeys made by car	Policy intent is to help retain employment sites well served by the public transport network and to support mixed use developments; this is likely to help reduce the number of journeys made by car.	+	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
Environmental Need to address:	7 Minimise contributions to climate change, consider climate change adaptation	This policy supports business developments and this is likely to result in greater energy use.	-	-	-	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on climate change will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.

SA Framework		Preferred Option Policy: E3 Existing Employment Areas				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Climate change as a key sustainability issue; Use of areas in flood zone 1 and away from sources of risk; Support for the re-use of construction or construction waste materials; Retention of the distinctive character of the landscape with any change managed positively; Requirement to carry out an Appropriate Assessment of land use plans affecting Natura 2000 sites (HRA); Scope for protecting and enhancing						
	8 Improve air quality	Policy supports business developments on existing sites. Impact uncertain but this objective will be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan.	i/-	i/-	i/-	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: No Air Quality Management Areas have been declared in the district. Any impacts on air quality will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	9 Reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources	All new development will address flood risk mitigation / adaptation.	i	i	i	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: The impact of new development on flood risk will be managed through the planning application progress and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	10 Conserve and enhance biodiversity	This objective will be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on biodiversity will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	11 Safeguard geological resources including the best and most versatile agricultural land	This objective will be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on geological resources will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	12 Minimise the use of non-renewable resources	This objective will be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on non-renewable resources will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.

SA Framework		Preferred Option Policy: E3 Existing Employment Areas				
Summary of Baseline Situation	**SA Objective**	**Predicted Effects**				**Assumptions and mitigation**
		Nature of Effect	**ST**	**MT**	**LT**	**Justification for assessment**
habitats of importance for nature conservation, with creation of new habitats where possible; The risk of adverse effects on historic assets; Need for better quality facilities for tourists including serviced accommodation and improved evening economy in towns.	13 Protect and enhance character of towns / villages; heritage assets and their settings	This objective will be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Any impacts on townscape character and heritage will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	14 Protect and enhance character / appearance of landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets	This objective will be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Any impacts on landscape character and natural assets will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	15 Encourage sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness	This objective will be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on sustainable tourism and the cultural economy will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
Economic Need to address Meeting local employment needs to achieve self-sufficient communities;	16 Safeguard vitality of towns and sustain vibrant rural economy	Retaining appropriate and viable employment sites is likely to lead to enhancement of the vitality and viability of the District's towns contributing to the safeguarding and improvement of shops and services.	+	+	+	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale of effect**: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent** Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	17	Retaining appropriate and viable employment sites is likely to encourage investment leading to a strengthened and more diversified economy.	++	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**:Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.

SA Framework		Preferred Option Policy: E3 Existing Employment Areas				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Initiatives to encourage further employment development and retention / expansion of existing businesses; Diversification of the economic base to improve employment opportunities; Safeguarding good quality employment sites from development for other uses; Provision of relevant employment skills, training and support to help retain and develop a local workforce; Maintaining the vitality and viability of the towns and protection of the towns as service centres;	Sustainable economic growth and diversification of the economy					
	18 High and stable level of employment	Retaining appropriate and viable employment sites is likely to contribute to meeting the employment needs of local people.	+	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**:Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.

SA Framework		Preferred Option Policy: E3 Existing Employment Areas				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Measures to encourage people to shop in the area; Enhancement of local distinctiveness; Protection of the retail function in the heart of the town centres.						
Summary of significant effects of policy: **Policy E3 Existing Employment Areas** seeks to retain existing employment sites where appropriate. Significant positive effects on reducing the number of journeys made by car and advancing equality of opportunity are likely to result from the policy intent to help retain employment sites well served by the public transport network and to support mixed use developments. Further positive effects on sustainable economic growth, diversification of the economy, high and stable level of employment and safeguarding the vitality of towns were identified. There is potential for negative effects on contribution to climate change arising from new business development, as this is likely to result in greater energy use.						

Table 20.24 Assessment Table for Preferred Option Policy E3 Existing Employment Areas

Preferred Option Policy E4 Tourism and Cultural Development

SA Framework		Preferred Option Policy: E4 Tourism and Cultural Development				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Social: Need to address: Implications of an increasingly ageing population; Meeting identified housing need, including the need for affordable homes and provision of an appropriate mix of house types and tenures; Reducing health inequalities; Opportunities to improve the health of older people through appropriate housing and access to community facilities and services;	1 Community cohesion and neighbourhood quality	This objective will be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent:** Permanent **Assumptions made**:Any impacts on community cohesion will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	2 Improving access to jobs, services and facilities	Directing tourism and cultural development towards locations with good connectivity or close to settlements with existing facilities is likely to have positive effects on advancing equality of opportunity.	+	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	3 Improve health and reduce health inequalities	This objective will be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Any impacts on health will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	4 Minimise opportunities for crime and reduce fear of crime	This objective will be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Any impacts on crime will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	5 Ensure supply new homes to meet local needs including affordable / social / extra care	This objective will be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Any impacts

SA Framework		Preferred Option Policy: E4 Tourism and Cultural Development				
Summary of Baseline Situation	**SA Objective**	**Predicted Effects**				**Assumptions and mitigation**
		Nature of Effect	**ST**	**MT**	**LT**	**Justification for assessment**
Quantity, quality and accessibility of sports and recreation facilities, including open space; Any shortfall in school places; Creation of accessible and safe public and private environments; Modal shift away from journeys by car; Measures that reduce the need to travel; Accessibility for those without a car is maintained and improved.						on meeting housing needs will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	6 Reduce number of journeys made by car	Policy intent is to direct tourism and cultural development towards locations served by public transport or close to existing settlements and this is likely to help reduce the number of journeys made by car.	+	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
Environmental Need to address:	7 Minimise contributions to climate change, consider climate change adaptation	This policy supports new tourism and cultural development and this is likely to result in greater energy use.	-	-	-	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts

SA Framework		Preferred Option Policy: E4 Tourism and Cultural Development				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Climate change as a key sustainability issue; Use of areas in flood zone 1 and away from sources of risk; Support for the re-use of construction or construction waste materials; Retention of the distinctive character of the landscape with any change managed positively; Requirement to carry out an Appropriate Assessment of land use plans affecting Natura 2000 sites (HRA); Scope for protecting and enhancing						on climate change will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	8 Improve air quality	Policy supports developments in sustainable locations. Impact uncertain but this objective will be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan.	i/-	i/-	i/-	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: No Air Quality Management Areas have been declared in the district. Any impacts on air quality will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	9 Reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources	All new development will address flood risk mitigation / adaptation.	i	i	i	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: The impact of new development on flood risk will be managed through the planning application progress and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	10 Conserve and enhance biodiversity	This objective will be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on biodiversity will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	11 Safeguard geological resources including the best and most versatile agricultural land	This objective will be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on geological resources will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.

SA Framework		Preferred Option Policy: E4 Tourism and Cultural Development				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
habitats of importance for nature conservation, with creation of new habitats where possible; The risk of adverse effects on historic assets; Need for better quality facilities for tourists including serviced accommodation and improved evening economy in towns.	12 Minimise the use of non-renewable resources	This objective will be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on non-renewable resources will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	13 Protect and enhance character of towns / villages; heritage assets and their settings	This objective will principally be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan. However policy requires all development to be of an appropriate quality, scale and character compatible with the local area.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Any impacts on townscape character and heritage will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	14 Protect and enhance character / appearance of landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets	This objective will principally be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan. However policy requires development that enhances local landscape.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Any impacts on landscape character and natural assets will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	15 Encourage sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness	Policy intent is to support the role that tourism and culture play in the local economy and to deliver development that promotes the distinctive character and quality of the district. This is likely to lead to significant positive effects.	++	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.

SA Framework		Preferred Option Policy: E4 Tourism and Cultural Development				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Economic Need to address Meeting local employment needs to achieve self-sufficient communities; Initiatives to encourage further employment development and retention / expansion of existing businesses; Diversification of the economic base to improve employment opportunities; Safeguarding good quality employment sites from development for other uses; Provision of relevant employment skills, training and	16 Safeguard vitality of towns and sustain vibrant rural economy	New tourist facilities and visitor accommodation is likely to lead to enhancement of the vitality and viability of the District's towns contributing to the safeguarding and improvement of shops and services.	+	+	+	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale of effect**: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent** Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	17 Sustainable economic growth and diversification of the economy	Support for new tourism and cultural development is likely to encourage investment leading to a strengthened and more diversified economy.	++	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**:Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	18 High and stable level of employment	New tourist facilities and visitor accommodation is likely to contribute to meeting the employment needs of local people.	+	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**:Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.

SA Framework		Preferred Option Policy: E4 Tourism and Cultural Development				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
support to help retain and develop a local workforce; Maintaining the vitality and viability of the towns and protection of the towns as service centres; Measures to encourage people to shop in the area; Enhancement of local distinctiveness; Protection of the retail function in the heart of the town centres.						
Summary of significant effects of policy: **Policy E4 Tourism and Cultural Development** supports the development of the tourist industry with new development proposals to be assessed according to the extent to which they support the local economy and promote the distinctive character and quality of the District. Significant positive effects on encouraging sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness are likely to result from this. Further positive effects on reducing the number of journeys made by car and advancing equality of opportunity, sustainable economic growth, diversification of the economy, high and stable level of employment and safeguarding the vitality of towns were identified. There is potential for negative effects on contribution to climate change arising from new development, as this is likely to result in greater energy use.						

Table 20.25 Assessment Table for Preferred Option Policy E4 Tourism and Cultural Development

Preferred Option Policy E5 Rural Economy

SA Framework		Preferred Option Policy: E5 Rural Economy				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Social: Need to address: Implications of an increasingly ageing population; Meeting identified housing need, including the need for affordable homes and provision of an appropriate mix of house types and tenures; Reducing health inequalities; Opportunities to improve the health of older people through appropriate housing and access to community facilities and services;	1 Community cohesion and neighbourhood quality	This objective will be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent:** Permanent **Assumptions made**:Any impacts on community cohesion will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	2 Improving access to jobs, services and facilities	Support for the rural economy is likely to have positive effects on advancing equality of opportunity.	+	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	3 Improve health and reduce health inequalities	This objective will be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Any impacts on health will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	4 Minimise opportunities for crime and reduce fear of crime	This objective will be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Any impacts on crime will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	5 Ensure supply new homes to meet local needs including affordable / social / extra care	This objective will be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Any impacts on meeting housing needs will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.

SA Framework		Preferred Option Policy: E5 Rural Economy				
Summary of Baseline Situation	**SA Objective**	**Predicted Effects**				**Assumptions and mitigation**
		Nature of Effect	**ST**	**MT**	**LT**	**Justification for assessment**
Quantity, quality and accessibility of sports and recreation facilities, including open space; Any shortfall in school places Creation of accessible and safe public and private environments; Modal shift away from journeys by car; Measures that reduce the need to travel; Accessibility for those without a car is maintained and improved.	6 Reduce number of journeys made by car	The Policy expects development in non-sustainable locations to be justified and this is likely to help reduce the number of journeys made by car.	+	+	+	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
Environmental Need to address:	7 Minimise contributions to climate change, consider climate change adaptation	This policy supports the rural economy and this is likely to result in greater energy use, particularly over the longer term.	-	-	--	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on climate change will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.

SA Framework		Preferred Option Policy: E5 Rural Economy				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Climate change as a key sustainability issue; Use of areas in flood zone 1 and away from sources of risk; Support for the re-use of construction or construction waste materials; Retention of the distinctive character of the landscape with any change managed positively; Requirement to carry out an Appropriate Assessment of land use plans affecting Natura 2000 sites (HRA); Scope for protecting and enhancing habitats of						
	8 Improve air quality	Policy supports developments in sustainable locations. Impact uncertain but this objective will be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan.	i/-	i/-	i/-	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: No Air Quality Management Areas have been declared in the district. Any impacts on air quality will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	9 Reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources	All new development will address flood risk mitigation / adaptation.	i	i	i	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: The impact of new development on flood risk will be managed through the planning application progress and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	10 Conserve and enhance biodiversity	This objective will principally be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan. However policy describes appropriate development as that (amongst other things) which does not result in harm to any sites designated for their nature conservation.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on biodiversity will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	11 Safeguard geological resources including the best and most versatile agricultural land	This objective will be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on geological resources will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	12 Minimise the use of non-renewable resources	This objective will principally be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan. However the policy supports the	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts

SA Framework		Preferred Option Policy: E5 Rural Economy				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
		reuse of existing buildings where certain criteria are met.				on non-renewable resources will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
importance for nature conservation, with creation of new habitats where possible; The risk of adverse effects on historic assets; Need for better quality facilities for tourists including serviced accommodation and improved evening economy in towns.	13 Protect and enhance character of towns / villages; heritage assets and their settings	This objective will principally be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan. However policy describes appropriate development as that (amongst other things) which does not result in harm to any sites designated for their historical interest.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Any impacts on townscape character and heritage will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan. **Mitigation**: Policy should amend definition of appropriate development to include avoiding harm to non-designated historic assets.
	14 Protect and enhance character / appearance of landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets	This objective will principally be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan. However policy describes appropriate development as that (amongst other things) which does not result in harm to a	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Any impacts on landscape character and natural assets will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan. **Mitigation**: Policy should amend definition of appropriate development to include avoiding harm to local landscape character or appearance, including historic landscape.
	15 Encourage sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness	Policy recognises the role that tourism should play in growth of the rural economy and this is likely to lead to positive effects.	+	+	+	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
Economic Need to address	16 Safeguard vitality of towns and sustain vibrant rural economy	Economic development in the rural areas is likely to help sustain a vibrant rural economy	+	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale of effect**: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent** Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.

SA Framework		Preferred Option Policy: E5 Rural Economy				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Meeting local employment needs to achieve self-sufficient communities; Initiatives to encourage further employment development and retention / expansion of existing businesses; Diversification of the economic base to improve employment opportunities; Safeguarding good quality employment sites from development for other uses; Provision of relevant employment skills, training and support to help retain and develop a local workforce;						
	17 Sustainable economic growth and diversification of the economy	Encouraging rural economic diversification is likely to encourage investment leading to a strengthened and more diversified economy.	++	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**:Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	18 High and stable level of employment	Economic development in the rural areas is likely to contribute to meeting the employment needs of local people.	+	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**:Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.

SA Framework		Preferred Option Policy: E5 Rural Economy				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Maintaining the vitality and viability of the towns and protection of the towns as service centres; Measures to encourage people to shop in the area; Enhancement of local distinctiveness; Protection of the retail function in the heart of the town centres.						
Summary of significant effects of policy: **Policy E5 Rural Economy** aims to support the rural economy, enable appropriate rural economic diversification and meet the needs of rural communities whilst seeking to protect the countryside from inappropriate development. Significant positive effects on advancing equality of opportunity are likely to result from support for the rural economy. Further positive effects on reducing the number of journeys made by car and sustainable economic growth, diversification of the economy, and high and stable level of employment were identified. There is potential for negative effects on contribution to climate change arising from new development, as this is likely to result in greater energy use. **Mitigation**: Policy should amend the definition of appropriate development to include avoidance of harm to local landscape character or appearance, including the historic landscape; as well as to non-designated historic assets.						

Table 20.26 Assessment Table for Preferred Option Policy E5 Rural Economy

20.2.3 Housing

Preferred Option Policy H1 New Housing Development

SA Framework		H1 New Housing Development				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Social: Need to address: Implications of an increasingly ageing population; Meeting identified housing need, including the need for affordable homes and provision of an appropriate mix of house types and tenures; Reducing health inequalities; Opportunities to improve the health of older people through appropriate	1 Community cohesion and neighbourhood quality	Policy requires a mix of housing sizes, types and tenures and at a density compatible with the site and local character. Overall a neutral impact is likely.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent:** Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will manage impacts on the quality of neighbourhoods.
	2 Improving access to jobs, services and facilities	Development will be located in accordance with the spatial strategy which supports the focus of growth in the towns with adequate provision in the rural areas to support local communities.	+	+	+	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	3 Improve health and reduce health inequalities	This SA objective will principally be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan, however provision of high quality homes to meet identified need is likely to lead improvements in health and well-being.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will manage impacts on health and inequalities.
	4 Minimise opportunities for crime and reduce fear of crime	This SA objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Design principles enforced at planning application stage will address this objective.

SA Framework		H1 New Housing Development				
Summary of Baseline Situation	**SA Objective**	**Predicted Effects**				**Assumptions and mitigation**
		Nature of Effect	**ST**	**MT**	**LT**	**Justification for assessment**
housing and access to community facilities and services; Quantity, quality and accessibility of sports and recreation facilities, including open space; Any shortfall in school places; Creation of accessible and safe public and private environments; Modal shift away from journeys by car; Measures that reduce the need to travel; Accessibility for those without a car is maintained and improved.	5 Ensure supply new homes to meet local needs including affordable / social / extra care	Provision of new homes to meet the objectively assessed needs of the District is likely to make a significant contribution to meeting the needs of the whole community.	++	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	6 Reduce number of journeys made by car	Development will be located in accordance with the spatial strategy to help ensure new homes are built in sustainable locations where access to services and facilities is considered.	+	+	+	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Development will be focused close to existing communities.

SA Framework		H1 New Housing Development				
Summary of Baseline Situation	**SA Objective**	**Predicted Effects**				**Assumptions and mitigation**
		Nature of Effect	**ST**	**MT**	**LT**	**Justification for assessment**
Environmental Need to address: Climate change as a key sustainability issue; Use of areas in flood zone 1 and away from sources of risk; Support for the re-use of construction or construction waste materials; Retention of the distinctive character of the landscape with any change managed positively; Requirement to carry out an Appropriate Assessment of land use plans affecting Natura 2000 sites (HRA);	7 Minimise contributions to climate change, consider climate change adaptation	New development will result in increased energy use and greenhouse gas emissions however the spatial strategy will help to manage this through controlling the location of new development.	i/-	i/-	i/--	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: New development will lead to an increase in energy use and carbon emissions. Energy efficiency of new build development will be addressed at planning application stage and through building regulations.
	8 Improve air quality	Impact unknown. This SA objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0/?	0/?	0/?	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: No Air Quality Management Areas have been declared in the district.
	9 Reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources	All new development will address flood risk mitigation / adaptation.	i	i	i	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: The impact of new development on flood risk will be managed through the planning application progress and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	10 Conserve and enhance biodiversity	All new development will address impacts on biodiversity.	i	i	i	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on biodiversity will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	11 Safeguard geological resources including the best and most versatile agricultural land	All new development will address impacts on geological resources including the best and most versatile agricultural land.	i	i	i	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on geological resources will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.

SA Framework		H1 New Housing Development				
Summary of Baseline Situation	**SA Objective**	**Predicted Effects**				**Assumptions and mitigation**
		Nature of Effect	**ST**	**MT**	**LT**	**Justification for assessment**
Scope for protecting and enhancing habitats of importance for nature conservation, with creation of new habitats where possible; The risk of adverse effects on historic assets; Need for better quality facilities for tourists including serviced accommodation and improved evening economy in towns.	12 Minimise the use of non-renewable resources	This SA objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will address this objective.
	13 Protect and enhance character of towns / villages; heritage assets and their settings	Provision of new development will need to be managed in order to control any risk of the deterioration of cultural and historic heritage assets or their settings and any potential loss of local character and distinctiveness.	i/-	i/-	i/-	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Design principles and policies enforced at planning application stage will help to ensure protection of townscape, heritage assets and their settings.
	14 Protect and enhance character / appearance of landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets	Provision of new development will need to be managed in order to control any risk of adverse effects on landscape character, an area of historic landscape value or other natural asset that could not be reasonably mitigated.	i/-	i/-	i/-	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Design principles and policies enforced at planning application stage will help to ensure protection of the character of the landscape and natural assets.
	15 Encourage sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness	Policy will not directly support tourism however provision of more homes across the plan area will support town centre economies which in turn will help to maintain the visitor economy.	0/+	0/+	0/+	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Tourism would be negatively impacted by a decline in the natural and built environment.
Economic Need to address	16 Safeguard vitality of towns and sustain vibrant rural economy	Provision of new homes will help to enhance the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages.	+	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale of effect**: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent** Permanent **Assumptions made**: Provision of new homes will help support sustainable, self-sufficient settlements.

SA Framework		H1 New Housing Development				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Meeting local employment needs to achieve self-sufficient communities; Initiatives to encourage further employment development and retention / expansion of existing businesses; Diversification of the economic base to improve employment opportunities; Safeguarding good quality employment sites from development for other uses; Provision of relevant employment skills, training and support to help retain and develop a local workforce;						
	17 Sustainable economic growth and diversification of the economy	Development will be located in accordance with the spatial strategy to help ensure new homes are built in sustainable locations where access to employment opportunities is considered.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**:Permanent **Assumptions made**: Provision of new homes across the plan area will help to support the continued economic growth of the District.
	18 High and stable level of employment	Provision of new homes could facilitate residential development in close proximity to existing or new employment provision. A lack of new homes to accommodate growth may limit economic development through a fall in the labour force.	0	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**:Permanent **Assumptions made**: A good proportion of the residents of new homes will work locally and a proportion of new businesses will employ local people.

SA Framework		H1 New Housing Development				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Maintaining the vitality and viability of the towns and protection of the towns as service centres; Measures to encourage people to shop in the area; Enhancement of local distinctiveness; Protection of the retail function in the heart of the town centres.						
Summary of significant effects of policy: **Policy H1 New Housing Development** seeks to ensure that an appropriate range of sizes, types and tenures of housing is provided, supporting the provision of flexible accommodation delivered in accordance with the nationally described space standard and to meet accessibility standards set out in the Optional Requirement M4(2) of building regulations. Significant positive effects on ensuring the supply new homes meet local needs including affordable / social / extra care are likely to result from enabling the Plan's objectively assessed housing need to be delivered. Further positive effects on enhancing the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages and supporting stable levels of employment were identified. There is potential for negative effects on contribution to climate change arising from new development, as this is likely to result in greater energy use. No mitigation measures were identified.						

Table 20.27 Assessment Table for Preferred Option Policy H1 New Housing Development

Preferred Option Policy H2 Housing Allocations

SA Framework		H2 Housing Allocations				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Social: Need to address: Implications of an increasingly ageing population; Meeting identified housing need, including the need for affordable homes and provision of an appropriate mix of house types and tenures; Reducing health inequalities; Opportunities to improve the health of older people through appropriate housing and access to community facilities and services;	1 Community cohesion and neighbourhood quality	This SA objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent:** Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will manage impacts on the quality of neighbourhoods.
	2 Improving access to jobs, services and facilities	Development will be located in accordance with the spatial strategy which supports the focus of growth in the towns with adequate provision in the rural areas to support local communities.	+	+	+	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	3 Improve health and reduce health inequalities	This SA objective will principally be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan, however provision of high quality homes to meet identified need is likely to lead improvements in health and well-being.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will manage impacts on health and inequalities.
	4 Minimise opportunities for crime and reduce fear of crime	This SA objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Design principles enforced at planning application stage will address this objective.
	5 Ensure supply new homes to meet local needs including affordable / social / extra care	Allocations of housing sites will ensure that a suitable supply of land for new homes is made available.	++	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.

SA Framework		H2 Housing Allocations				
Summary of Baseline Situation	**SA Objective**	**Predicted Effects**				**Assumptions and mitigation**
		Nature of Effect	**ST**	**MT**	**LT**	**Justification for assessment**
Quantity, quality and accessibility of sports and recreation facilities, including open space; Any shortfall in school places; Creation of accessible and safe public and private environments; Modal shift away from journeys by car; Measures that reduce the need to travel; Accessibility for those without a car is maintained and improved.	6 Reduce number of journeys made by car	Development will be located in accordance with the spatial strategy to help ensure new homes are built in sustainable locations where access to services and facilities is considered.	+	+	+	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Development will be focused close to existing communities.
Environmental Need to address:	7 Minimise contributions to climate change, consider climate change adaptation	New development will result in increased energy use and greenhouse gas emissions however the spatial strategy will help to	i/-	i/-	i/--	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: New

SA Framework		H2 Housing Allocations				
Summary of Baseline Situation	**SA Objective**	**Predicted Effects**				**Assumptions and mitigation**
		Nature of Effect	**ST**	**MT**	**LT**	**Justification for assessment**
Climate change as a key sustainability issue; Use of areas in flood zone 1 and away from sources of risk; Support for the re-use of construction or construction waste materials; Retention of the distinctive character of the landscape with any change managed positively; Requirement to carry out an Appropriate Assessment of land use plans affecting Natura 2000 sites (HRA); Scope for protecting and enhancing		manage this through controlling the location of new development.				development will lead to an increase in energy use and carbon emissions. Energy efficiency of new build development will be addressed at planning application stage and through building regulations.
	8 Improve air quality	Impact unknown. This SA objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0/?	0/?	0/?	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: No Air Quality Management Areas have been declared in the district.
	9 Reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources	All new development will address flood risk mitigation / adaptation.	i	i	i	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: The impact of new development on flood risk will be managed through the planning application progress and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	10 Conserve and enhance biodiversity	All new development will address impacts on biodiversity. More detail in site allocations appraisals.	i	i	i	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on biodiversity will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	11 Safeguard geological resources including the best and most versatile agricultural land	All new development will address impacts on geological resources including the best and most versatile agricultural land. More detail in site allocations appraisals.	i	i	i	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on geological resources will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.

SA Framework		H2 Housing Allocations				
Summary of Baseline Situation	**SA Objective**	**Predicted Effects**				**Assumptions and mitigation**
		Nature of Effect	**ST**	**MT**	**LT**	**Justification for assessment**
habitats of importance for nature conservation, with creation of new habitats where possible; The risk of adverse effects on historic assets; Need for better quality facilities for tourists including serviced accommodation and improved evening economy in towns.	12 Minimise the use of non-renewable resources	This SA objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will address this objective.
	13 Protect and enhance character of towns / villages; heritage assets and their settings	Individual allocations may have potential for some impact. More detail in site allocations appraisals.	i/-	i/-	i/-	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Design principles and policies enforced at planning application stage will help to ensure protection of townscape, heritage assets and their settings.
	14 Protect and enhance character / appearance of landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets	Individual allocations may have potential for some impact. More detail in site allocations appraisals.	i/-	i/-	i/-	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Design principles and policies enforced at planning application stage will help to ensure protection of the character of the landscape and natural assets.
	15 Encourage sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness	Policy will not directly support tourism however provision of more homes across the plan area will support town centre economies which in turn will help to maintain the visitor economy.	0/+	0/+	0/+	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Tourism would be negatively impacted by a decline in the natural and built environment.
Economic Need to address	16 Safeguard vitality of towns and sustain vibrant rural economy	Allocations of housing sites will ensure that a suitable supply of land for new homes is made available and this is likely to help enhance the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages.	+	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale of effect**: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent** Permanent **Assumptions made**: Provision of new homes will help support sustainable, self-sufficient settlements.

SA Framework		H2 Housing Allocations				
Summary of Baseline Situation	**SA Objective**	**Predicted Effects**				**Assumptions and mitigation**
		Nature of Effect	**ST**	**MT**	**LT**	**Justification for assessment**
Meeting local employment needs to achieve self-sufficient communities; Initiatives to encourage further employment development and retention / expansion of existing businesses; Diversification of the economic base to improve employment opportunities; Safeguarding good quality employment sites from development for other uses; Provision of relevant employment skills, training and support to help retain and develop a local workforce;						
	17 Sustainable economic growth and diversification of the economy	Allocations of housing sites will ensure that a suitable supply of land for new homes is made available in sustainable locations where access to employment opportunities is considered.	0/+	0/+	0/+	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**:Permanent **Assumptions made**: Provision of new homes across the plan area will help to support the continued economic growth of the District.
	18 High and stable level of employment	Allocations of housing sites will ensure that a suitable supply of land for new homes is made available, taking into account proximity to existing or new employment provision. A lack of allocations may limit economic development through a fall in the labour force.	0	0/+	+	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**:Permanent **Assumptions made**: A good proportion of the residents of new homes will work locally and a proportion of new businesses will employ local people.

SA Framework		H2 Housing Allocations				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Maintaining the vitality and viability of the towns and protection of the towns as service centres; Measures to encourage people to shop in the area; Enhancement of local distinctiveness Protection of the retail function in the heart of the town centres.						
Summary of significant effects of policy: **Policy H2 Housing Allocations** identifies sites as suitable for housing development in order to meet the housing target set out in Policy SS3. Significant positive effects on ensuring the supply of new homes to meet local needs are likely to result from site allocations. Further positive effects on enhancing the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages and supporting stable levels of employment were also identified. Further detail relating to any predicted impacts on biodiversity, landscape or townscape character is provided in the specific sites appraisals. There is potential for negative effects on contribution to climate change arising from supply of land for new development, as this is likely to result in greater energy use. No mitigation measures were identified.						

Table 20.28 Assessment Table for Preferred Option Policy H2 Housing Allocations

Preferred Option Policy H3 Affordable Housing

SA Framework		H3 Affordable Housing				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Social: Need to address: Implications of an increasingly ageing population; Meeting identified housing need, including the need for affordable homes and provision of an appropriate mix of house types and tenures; Reducing health inequalities; Opportunities to improve the health of older people through appropriate housing and access to community facilities and services;	1 Community cohesion and neighbourhood quality	This SA objective will principally be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan however provision of affordable housing is likely to benefit the development of sustainable communities and community cohesion.	0/+	0/+	0/+	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent:** Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will manage impacts on the quality of neighbourhoods.
	2 Improving access to jobs, services and facilities	This SA objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	3 Improve health and reduce health inequalities	This SA objective will principally be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan, however access to affordable homes is likely to lead to improvements in health and well-being.	0/+	0/+	0/+	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will manage impacts on health and inequalities.
	4 Minimise opportunities for crime and reduce fear of crime	This SA objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Design principles enforced at planning application stage will address this objective.
	5 Ensure supply new homes to meet local needs including affordable / social / extra care	Policy intent is to ensure more affordable housing can be provided.	++	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.

SA Framework		H3 Affordable Housing				
Summary of Baseline Situation	**SA Objective**	**Predicted Effects**				**Assumptions and mitigation**
		Nature of Effect	**ST**	**MT**	**LT**	**Justification for assessment**
Quantity, quality and accessibility of sports and recreation facilities, including open space; Any shortfall in school places; Creation of accessible and safe public and private environments; Modal shift away from journeys by car; Measures that reduce the need to travel; Accessibility for those without a car is maintained and improved.	6 Reduce number of journeys made by car	This SA objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Development will be focused close to existing communities.
Environmental Need to address:	7 Minimise contributions to climate change, consider climate change adaptation	New development will result in increased energy use and greenhouse gas emissions however the spatial strategy	i/-	i/-	i/--	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: New

SA Framework		H3 Affordable Housing				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Climate change as a key sustainability issue; Use of areas in flood zone 1 and away from sources of risk; Support for the re-use of construction or construction waste materials; Retention of the distinctive character of the landscape with any change managed positively; Requirement to carry out an Appropriate Assessment of land use plans affecting Natura 2000 sites (HRA); Scope for protecting and enhancing		will help to manage this through controlling the location of new development.				development will lead to an increase in energy use and carbon emissions. Energy efficiency of new build development will be addressed at planning application stage and through building regulations.
	8 Improve air quality	Impact unknown. This SA objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0/?	0/?	0/?	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: No Air Quality Management Areas have been declared in the district.
	9 Reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources	All new development will address flood risk mitigation / adaptation.	i	i	i	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: The impact of new development on flood risk will be managed through the planning application progress and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	10 Conserve and enhance biodiversity	All new development will address impacts on biodiversity. This SA objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	i	i	i	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on biodiversity will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	11 Safeguard geological resources including the best and most versatile agricultural land	All new development will address impacts on geological resources including the best and most versatile agricultural land. This SA objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	i	i	i	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on geological resources will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.

SA Framework		H3 Affordable Housing				
Summary of Baseline Situation	**SA Objective**	**Predicted Effects**				**Assumptions and mitigation**
		Nature of Effect	**ST**	**MT**	**LT**	**Justification for assessment**
habitats of importance for nature conservation, with creation of new habitats where possible; The risk of adverse effects on historic assets; Need for better quality facilities for tourists including serviced accommodation and improved evening economy in towns.	12 Minimise the use of non-renewable resources	This SA objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will address this objective.
	13 Protect and enhance character of towns / villages; heritage assets and their settings	All new development will address impacts on character and heritage. This SA objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	i/0	i/0	i/0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Design principles and policies enforced at planning application stage will help to ensure protection of townscape, heritage assets and their settings.
	14 Protect and enhance character / appearance of landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets	All new development will address impacts on landscape and natural assets. This SA objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	i/0	i/0	i/0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Design principles and policies enforced at planning application stage will help to ensure protection of the character of the landscape and natural assets.
	15 Encourage sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness	Policy will not directly support tourism however provision of more affordable homes across the plan area will support town centre economies which in turn will help to maintain the visitor economy.	0/+	0/+	0/+	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Lively town and village centres will help to attract more paying visitors.
Economic Need to address	16 Safeguard vitality of towns and sustain vibrant rural economy	Allocations of housing sites will ensure that a suitable supply of land for new homes is made available and this is likely to help enhance the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages.	+	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale of effect**: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent** Permanent **Assumptions made**: Provision of new homes will help support sustainable, self-sufficient settlements.

SA Framework		H3 Affordable Housing				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Meeting local employment needs to achieve self-sufficient communities; Initiatives to encourage further employment development and retention / expansion of existing businesses; Diversification of the economic base to improve employment opportunities; Safeguarding good quality employment sites from development for other uses; Provision of relevant employment skills, training and support to help retain and develop a local workforce;						
	17 Sustainable economic growth and diversification of the economy	This SA objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**:Permanent **Assumptions made**: Provision of new homes across the plan area will help to support the continued economic growth of the District.
	18 High and stable level of employment	Provision of affordable housing will help to maintain a local labour force.	0	0/+	+	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**:Permanent **Assumptions made**: A good proportion of the residents of new homes will work locally and a proportion of new businesses will employ local people.

SA Framework		H3 Affordable Housing				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Maintaining the vitality and viability of the towns and protection of the towns as service centres; Measures to encourage people to shop in the area; Enhancement of local distinctiveness; Protection of the retail function in the heart of the town centres.						
Summary of significant effects of policy: **Policy H3 Affordable Housing** identifies thresholds for an affordable housing target of 33% in towns and the larger villages; in or on the edge of smaller villages, small schemes for 100% affordable housing will be permitted on suitable rural exception sites; the policy also sets a starter homes target. Significant positive effects on ensuring the supply of new homes to meet local needs are likely to result from provision of affordable housing. Further positive effects on enhancing the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages and supporting stable levels of employment were also identified. There is potential for negative effects on contribution to climate change arising from new development, as this is likely to result in greater energy use. No mitigation measures were identified.						

Table 20.29 Assessment Table for Preferred Option Policy H3 Affordable Housing

Preferred Option Policy H4 Rural Housing

SA Framework		H4 Rural Housing				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Social: Need to address: Implications of an increasingly ageing population; Meeting identified housing need, including the need for affordable homes and provision of an appropriate mix of house types and tenures; Reducing health inequalities; Opportunities to improve the health of older people through appropriate housing and access to community facilities and services;	1 Community cohesion and neighbourhood quality	This SA objective will principally be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan however provision of rural housing is likely to benefit the development of sustainable communities and community cohesion.	0/+	0/+	0/+	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent:** Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will manage impacts on the quality of neighbourhoods.
	2 Improving access to jobs, services and facilities	This SA objective will principally be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan, however re-use of rural buildings for commercial purposes may help improve access to some facilities for some rural dwellers.	0/?	0/?	0/?	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	3 Improve health and reduce health inequalities	This SA objective will principally be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan, however access to rural affordable homes is likely to lead to improvements in health and well-being.	0/+	0/+	0/+	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will manage impacts on health and inequalities.
	4 Minimise opportunities for crime and reduce fear of crime	This SA objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Design principles enforced at planning application stage will address this objective.
	5 Ensure supply new homes to meet local needs including affordable / social / extra care	Policy allows for rural affordable housing to be provided.	+	+	+	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Principles

SA Framework		H4 Rural Housing				
Summary of Baseline Situation	**SA Objective**	**Predicted Effects**				**Assumptions and mitigation**
		Nature of Effect	**ST**	**MT**	**LT**	**Justification for assessment**
Quantity, quality and accessibility of sports and recreation facilities, including open space; Any shortfall in school places; Creation of accessible and safe public and private environments; Modal shift away from journeys by car; Measures that reduce the need to travel; Accessibility for those without a car is maintained and improved.						enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions. **Mitigation**: Policy should require housing to remain affordable for successive occupiers in perpetuity.
	6 Reduce number of journeys made by car	Policy relates to re-use of rural buildings for commercial purposes, and in certain instances for residential use, as well as controlling new dwellings in the countryside; this is likely to lead to increased use of private transport.	-	-	-	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Development may not be focused close to existing communities. **Mitigation**: Policy to include requirement for sites to be adequately served by existing services and facilities.
Environmental Need to address:	7 Minimise contributions to climate change, consider climate change adaptation	New development will result in increased energy use and greenhouse gas emissions however the spatial strategy	i/-	i/-	i/--	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: New

SA Framework		H4 Rural Housing				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Climate change as a key sustainability issue; Use of areas in flood zone 1 and away from sources of risk; Support for the re-use of construction or construction waste materials; Retention of the distinctive character of the landscape with any change managed positively; Requirement to carry out an Appropriate Assessment of land use plans affecting Natura 2000 sites (HRA); Scope for protecting and enhancing		will help to manage this through controlling the location of new development.				development will lead to an increase in energy use and carbon emissions. Energy efficiency of new build development will be addressed at planning application stage and through building regulations.
	8 Improve air quality	Impact unknown. This SA objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0/?	0/?	0/?	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: No Air Quality Management Areas have been declared in the district.
	9 Reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources	All new development will address flood risk mitigation / adaptation.	i	i	i	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: The impact of new development on flood risk will be managed through the planning application progress and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	10 Conserve and enhance biodiversity	All new development will address impacts on biodiversity. This SA objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	i	i	i	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on biodiversity will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	11 Safeguard geological resources including the best and most versatile agricultural land	All new development will address impacts on geological resources including the best and most versatile agricultural land. This SA objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	i	i	i	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on geological resources will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.

SA Framework		H4 Rural Housing				
Summary of Baseline Situation	**SA Objective**	**Predicted Effects**				**Assumptions and mitigation**
		Nature of Effect	**ST**	**MT**	**LT**	**Justification for assessment**
habitats of importance for nature conservation, with creation of new habitats where possible; The risk of adverse effects on historic assets; Need for better quality facilities for tourists including serviced accommodation and improved evening economy in towns.	12 Minimise the use of non-renewable resources	This SA objective will principally be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan however policy allows re-use of rural buildings.	0	0	0/+	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will address this objective.
	13 Protect and enhance character of towns / villages; heritage assets and their settings	All new development will address impacts on character and heritage. This SA objective will principally be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan however policy seeks to secure the future of heritage assets.	i/0	i/0	i/+	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Design principles and policies enforced at planning application stage will help to ensure protection of townscape, heritage assets and their settings.
	14 Protect and enhance character / appearance of landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets	All new development will address impacts on landscape and natural assets. This SA objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	i/0	i/0	i/0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Design principles and policies enforced at planning application stage will help to ensure protection of the character of the landscape and natural assets.
	15 Encourage sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness	Policy will not directly support tourism however provision of more rural housing will support town centre economies which in turn will help to maintain the visitor economy.	0/+	0/+	0/+	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Lively town and village centres will help to attract more paying visitors.
Economic Need to address	16 Safeguard vitality of towns and sustain vibrant rural economy	Meeting rural housing need is likely to help sustain the rural economy.	0	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale of effect**: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent** Permanent **Assumptions made**: Provision of new homes will help support sustainable, self-sufficient settlements.

SA Framework		H4 Rural Housing				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Meeting local employment needs to achieve self-sufficient communities; Initiatives to encourage further employment development and retention / expansion of existing businesses; Diversification of the economic base to improve employment opportunities; Safeguarding good quality employment sites from development for other uses; Provision of relevant employment skills, training and support to help retain and develop a local workforce;						
	17 Sustainable economic growth and diversification of the economy	Meeting rural housing need is likely to help sustain the rural economy.	0	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**:Permanent **Assumptions made**: Provision of new homes across the plan area will help to support the continued economic growth of the District.
	18 High and stable level of employment	Provision of rural housing will help to maintain a local labour force.	0	0/+	+	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**:Permanent **Assumptions made**: A good proportion of the residents of new homes will work locally and a proportion of new businesses will employ local people.

SA Framework		H4 Rural Housing				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Maintaining the vitality and viability of the towns and protection of the towns as service centres; Measures to encourage people to shop in the area; Enhancement of local distinctiveness; Protection of the retail function in the heart of the town centres.						
Summary of significant effects of policy: **Policy H4 Rural Housing** recognises that the re-use of rural buildings for commercial purposes is preferable to that of residential uses and establishes criteria for re-use, the policy also recognises the need to safeguard rural buildings considered to be of particular merit in terms of their contribution to local character or heritage and the need to deliver affordable homes. Positive effects on ensuring the supply of new homes to meet local needs are likely to result from provision of affordable housing, provision of rural housing is also likely to benefit the development of sustainable communities and community cohesion. Further positive effects on helping sustain the rural economy were identified from helping to meet rural housing need. There is potential for negative effects on contribution to climate change arising from new development, as this is likely to result in greater energy use; and from a likely increased use of private transport. Policy improvements were identified as follows: **Mitigation**: Policy should require housing to remain affordable for successive occupiers in perpetuity and include a requirement for sites to be adequately served by existing services and facilities.						

Table 20.30 Assessment Table for Preferred Option Policy H4 Rural Housing

Preferred Option Policy H5 Gypsy and Traveller Sites and Sites for Travelling Showpeople

SA Framework		Policy H5 Gypsy and Traveller Sites and Sites for Travelling Showpeople				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Social: Need to address: Implications of an increasingly ageing population; Meeting identified housing need, including the need for affordable homes and provision of an appropriate mix of house types and tenures; Reducing health inequalities; Opportunities to improve the health of older people through appropriate housing and access to	1 Community cohesion and neighbourhood quality	This SA objective will principally be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan, however establishing the considerations that will be taken into account for determining applications or making future site allocations is likely to help ensure community safety and local environmental quality.	0/+	0/+	0/+	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent:** Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will manage impacts on community cohesion and the quality of neighbourhoods.
	2 Improving access to jobs, services and facilities	Policy criteria include that a site should be reasonably accessible to services and facilities.	0/+	0/+	0/+	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	3 Improve health and reduce health inequalities	Access to accommodation and local services and facilities is likely to lead to positive impacts on health and well-being for gypsies and travellers.	+	+	+	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will manage impacts on health and inequalities.
	4 Minimise opportunities for crime and reduce fear of crime	This SA objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Design principles enforced at planning application stage will address this objective.
	5	Policy intent is to meet the needs of the gypsy, traveller and travelling show people community.	+	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.

SA Framework		Policy H5 Gypsy and Traveller Sites and Sites for Travelling Showpeople				
Summary of Baseline Situation	**SA Objective**	**Predicted Effects**				**Assumptions and mitigation**
		Nature of Effect	**ST**	**MT**	**LT**	**Justification for assessment**
community facilities and services Quantity, quality and accessibility of sports and recreation facilities, including open space; Any shortfall in school places; Creation of accessible and safe public and private environments; Modal shift away from journeys by car; Measures that reduce the need to travel; Accessibility for those without a car is maintained and improved.	Ensure supply new homes to meet local needs including affordable / social / extra care					
	6 Reduce number of journeys made by car	Policy criteria include that a site should be should be reasonably accessible to services and facilities by foot, cycle or public transport.	+	+	+	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Development may not be focused close to existing communities.

SA Framework		Policy H5 Gypsy and Traveller Sites and Sites for Travelling Showpeople				
Summary of Baseline Situation	**SA Objective**	**Predicted Effects**				**Assumptions and mitigation**
		Nature of Effect	**ST**	**MT**	**LT**	**Justification for assessment**
Environmental Need to address: Climate change as a key sustainability issue; Use of areas in flood zone 1 and away from sources of risk; Support for the re-use of construction or construction waste materials; Retention of the distinctive character of the landscape with any change managed positively; Requirement to carry out an Appropriate Assessment of land use plans affecting Natura 2000 sites (HRA);	7 Minimise contributions to climate change, consider climate change adaptation	Policy criteria include that a site should be should be reasonably accessible to services and facilities by foot, cycle or public transport.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Policy relates to site requirements.
	8 Improve air quality	Impact unknown. This SA objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0/?	0/?	0/?	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: No Air Quality Management Areas have been declared in the district.
	9 Reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources	All new development will address flood risk mitigation / adaptation.	i	i	i	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: The impact of new development on flood risk will be managed through the planning application progress and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	10 Conserve and enhance biodiversity	All new development will address impacts on biodiversity. This SA objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	i	i	i	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on biodiversity will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	11 Safeguard geological resources including the best and most versatile agricultural land	All new development will address impacts on geological resources including the best and most versatile agricultural land. This SA objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	i	i	i	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on geological resources will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.

SA Framework		Policy H5 Gypsy and Traveller Sites and Sites for Travelling Showpeople				
Summary of Baseline Situation	**SA Objective**	**Predicted Effects**				**Assumptions and mitigation**
		Nature of Effect	**ST**	**MT**	**LT**	**Justification for assessment**
Scope for protecting and enhancing habitats of importance for nature conservation, with creation of new habitats where possible; The risk of adverse effects on historic assets; Need for better quality facilities for tourists including serviced accommodation and improved evening economy in towns.	12 Minimise the use of non-renewable resources	This SA objective will principally be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will address this objective.
	13 Protect and enhance character of towns / villages; heritage assets and their settings	All new development will address impacts on character and heritage. This SA objective will principally be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	i/0	i/0	i/+	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Design principles and policies enforced at planning application stage will help to ensure protection of townscape, heritage assets and their settings.
	14 Protect and enhance character / appearance of landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets	All new development will address impacts on landscape and natural assets. This SA objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	i/0	i/0	i/0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Design principles and policies enforced at planning application stage will help to ensure protection of the character of the landscape and natural assets.
	15 Encourage sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness	Policy will not directly support tourism.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: This SA objective will principally be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.
Economic Need to address	16 Safeguard vitality of towns and sustain vibrant rural economy	Policy will not directly support maintaining the vitality and viability of the towns and protection of the towns as service centres.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale of effect**: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent** Permanent **Assumptions made**: This SA objective will principally be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.

SA Framework		Policy H5 Gypsy and Traveller Sites and Sites for Travelling Showpeople				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Meeting local employment needs to achieve self-sufficient communities; Initiatives to encourage further employment development and retention / expansion of existing businesses; Diversification of the economic base to improve employment opportunities; Safeguarding good quality employment sites from development for other uses; Provision of relevant employment skills, training and support to help retain and develop a local workforce;						
	17 Sustainable economic growth and diversification of the economy	Policy will not directly support sustainable economic growth and diversification of the economy.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**:Permanent **Assumptions made**: This SA objective will principally be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.
	18 High and stable level of employment	Policy will not directly support high and stable levels of employment.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**:Permanent **Assumptions made**: This SA objective will principally be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.

SA Framework		Policy H5 Gypsy and Traveller Sites and Sites for Travelling Showpeople				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Maintaining the vitality and viability of the towns and protection of the towns as service centres; Measures to encourage people to shop in the area; Enhancement of local distinctiveness; Protection of the retail function in the heart of the town centres.						
Summary of significant effects of policy: **Policy H5 Gypsy and Traveller Sites and Sites for Travelling Showpeople** sets out the criteria for determination of applications for gypsy and traveller sites or for making future site allocations. Significant positive effects on meeting identified housing need is likely to result from the policy intent to meet the needs of the gypsy, traveller and travelling show people community. Access to accommodation and local services and facilities is likely to lead to further positive impacts on health and well-being for gypsies and travellers and establishing the considerations that will be taken into account for determining applications or future allocations is likely to lead to positive effects on helping ensure community safety and local environmental quality.						

Table 20.31 Assessment Table for Preferred Option Policy Policy H5 Gypsy and Traveller Sites and Sites for Travelling Showpeople

20.2.4 Town Centres and Retailing

Preferred Option Policy TCR1 Development in the Town Centres

SA Framework		TCR1 Development in the Town Centres				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Social: Need to address: Implications of an increasingly ageing population; Meeting identified housing need, including the need for affordable homes and provision of an appropriate mix of house types and tenures; Reducing health inequalities; Opportunities to improve the health of older people through appropriate housing and access to community facilities and services;	1 Community cohesion and neighbourhood quality	Policy refers to setting out design principles including minimising the risk of crime.	+	+	+	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent:** Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will manage impacts on the quality of neighbourhoods. **Mitigation**: Policy should encourage proposals that deliver high quality public spaces.
	2 Improving access to jobs, services and facilities	The three towns will accommodate the greatest proportion of the District's housing, employment and retail needs, the towns accommodate 50% of the District's current population and the majority of existing services and facilities.	+	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	3 Improve health and reduce health inequalities	This SA objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will manage impacts on health and inequalities.
	4 Minimise opportunities for crime and reduce fear of crime	Policy refers to setting out design principles including minimising the risk of crime.	+	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Design principles enforced at planning application stage will address this objective. **Mitigation**: Policy should require active ground floor frontages to be maintained and created within town centres with appropriate town centre uses.

SA Framework		TCR1 Development in the Town Centres				
Summary of Baseline Situation	**SA Objective**	**Predicted Effects**				**Assumptions and mitigation**
		Nature of Effect	**ST**	**MT**	**LT**	**Justification for assessment**
Quantity, quality and accessibility of sports and recreation facilities, including open space; Any shortfall in school places Creation of accessible and safe public and private environments; Modal shift away from journeys by car; Measures that reduce the need to travel; Accessibility for those without a car is maintained and improved.	5 Ensure supply new homes to meet local needs including affordable / social / extra care	Policy includes measures aimed at maintaining the vitality and viability of town centres, neutral impact likely on supply of new homes.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Delivery of new homes will be managed through other policies in the Plan.
	6 Reduce number of journeys made by car	Policy requires good access to the town centres by those using public transport, cycling or walking.	+	+	+	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will manage impacts on accessibility for those without a car.
Environmental Need to address:	7 Minimise contributions to climate change, consider climate change adaptation	New development will result in increased energy use and greenhouse gas emissions.	i/-	i/-	i/--	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: New

SA Framework		TCR1 Development in the Town Centres				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Climate change as a key sustainability issue; Use of areas in flood zone 1 and away from sources of risk; Support for the re-use of construction or construction waste materials; Retention of the distinctive character of the landscape with any change managed positively; Requirement to carry out an Appropriate Assessment of land use plans affecting Natura 2000 sites (HRA); Scope for protecting and enhancing habitats						development will lead to an increase in energy use and carbon emissions. Energy efficiency of new build development will be addressed at planning application stage and through building regulations.
	8 Improve air quality	Town centre developments may result in localised poor air quality.	?/-	?/-	?/-	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: No Air Quality Management Areas have been declared in the district.
	9 Reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources	All new development will address flood risk mitigation / adaptation.	i	i	i	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: The impact of new development on flood risk will be managed through the planning application progress and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	10 Conserve and enhance biodiversity	Policy relates to town centre development. This SA objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on biodiversity will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	11 Safeguard geological resources including the best and most versatile agricultural land	Policy relates to town centre development. This SA objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on geological resources will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.

SA Framework		TCR1 Development in the Town Centres				
Summary of Baseline Situation	**SA Objective**	**Predicted Effects**				**Assumptions and mitigation**
		Nature of Effect	**ST**	**MT**	**LT**	**Justification for assessment**
of importance for nature conservation, with creation of new habitats where possible; The risk of adverse effects on historic assets; Need for better quality facilities for tourists including serviced accommodation and improved evening economy in towns.	12 Minimise the use of non-renewable resources	This SA objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will address this objective.
	13 Protect and enhance character of towns / villages; heritage assets and their settings	Policy refers to setting out design principles to improve and enhance the distinctive heritage of the town centres.	+	+	+	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Design principles and policies enforced at planning application stage will help to ensure protection of townscape, heritage assets and their settings.
	14 Protect and enhance character / appearance of landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets	Policy relates to town centre development. This SA objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Design principles and policies enforced at planning application stage will help to ensure protection of the character of the landscape and natural assets.
	15 Encourage sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness	Policy supports positive measures which enhance the town centres and promote their tourism potential.	+	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will deliver policy objectives.
Economic Need to address	16 Safeguard vitality of towns and sustain vibrant rural economy	This is policy intent. However it will be important to help strengthen links between rural areas and towns, including by sustainable forms of transport, to help sustain a vibrant rural economy also.	++	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale of effect**: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent** Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will deliver policy objectives.

SA Framework		TCR1 Development in the Town Centres				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Meeting local employment needs to achieve self-sufficient communities; Initiatives to encourage further employment development and retention / expansion of existing businesses; Diversification of the economic base to improve employment opportunities; Safeguarding good quality employment sites from development for other uses; Provision of relevant employment skills, training and support to help retain and develop a local workforce;						
	17 Sustainable economic growth and diversification of the economy	Policy supports development in the town centres and this is likely to lead to significant positive effects.	+	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**:Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will deliver policy objectives.
	18 High and stable level of employment	Policy supports development in the town centres and this is likely to lead to significant positive effects.	+	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**:Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will deliver policy objectives.

SA Framework		TCR1 Development in the Town Centres				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Maintaining the vitality and viability of the towns and protection of the towns as service centres; Measures to encourage people to shop in the area; Enhancement of local distinctiveness; Protection of the retail function in the heart of the town centres.						
Summary of significant effects of policy: **Policy TCR1 Development in the Town Centres** seeks to maintain the vitality and viability of town centres by supporting measures that lead to the enhancement and regeneration of the shopping and town centre environment, promoting their tourism potential and maintaining local distinctiveness by supporting proposals that help to retain and attract independent retailers. Significant positive effects were predicted for Improving access to jobs, services and facilities. Further positive effects were identified for maintaining the vitality and viability of the towns, protecting the towns as service centres, promoting sustainable economic growth and diversification of the economy and on supporting high and stable levels of employment. **Mitigation**: Whilst no significant negative effects were predicted, the appraisal notes that the Policy might be improved by including a reference to helping strengthen links between rural areas and towns, including by sustainable forms of transport, in order to help sustain a vibrant rural economy also. The policy should encourage proposals that deliver high quality public spaces and require active ground floor frontages to be maintained and created within town centres with appropriate town centre uses.						

Table 20.32 Assessment Table for Preferred Option Policy TCR1 Development in the Town Centres

Preferred Option Policy TCR2 Primary Shopping Frontages

SA Framework		TCR2 Primary Shopping Frontages				
Summary of Baseline Situation	**SA Objective**	**Predicted Effects**				**Assumptions and mitigation**
		Nature of Effect	**ST**	**MT**	**LT**	**Justification for assessment**
Social: Need to address: Implications of an increasingly ageing population; Meeting identified housing need, including the need for affordable homes and provision of an appropriate mix of house types and tenures; Reducing health inequalities; Opportunities to improve the health of older people through appropriate housing and access to community facilities and services;	1 Community cohesion and neighbourhood quality	Policy relates to safeguarding the retail function at the heart of town centres. This SA objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent:** Permanent **Assumptions made**: Design principles enforced at planning application stage will manage impacts on the quality of neighbourhoods.
	2 Improving access to jobs, services and facilities	Policy relates to safeguarding the retail function at the heart of town centres. This SA objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	3 Improve health and reduce health inequalities	This SA objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will manage impacts on health and inequalities.
	4 Minimise opportunities for crime and reduce fear of crime	This SA objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Design principles enforced at planning application stage will address this objective.
	5 Ensure supply new homes to meet local needs including affordable / social / extra care	Policy relates to safeguarding the retail function at the heart of town centres. This SA objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Delivery of new homes will be managed through other policies in the Plan.

SA Framework		TCR2 Primary Shopping Frontages				
Summary of Baseline Situation	**SA Objective**	**Predicted Effects**				**Assumptions and mitigation**
		Nature of Effect	**ST**	**MT**	**LT**	**Justification for assessment**
Quantity, quality and accessibility of sports and recreation facilities, including open space; Any shortfall in school places; Creation of accessible and safe public and private environments; Modal shift away from journeys by car; Measures that reduce the need to travel; Accessibility for those without a car is maintained and improved.	6 Reduce number of journeys made by car	Policy relates to safeguarding the retail function at the heart of town centres.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will manage impacts on accessibility for those without a car.
Environmental Need to address:	7 Minimise contributions to climate change, consider climate change adaptation	New development will result in increased energy use and greenhouse gas emissions.	i/-	i/-	i/--	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: New

SA Framework		TCR2 Primary Shopping Frontages				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Climate change as a key sustainability issue; Use of areas in flood zone 1 and away from sources of risk; Support for the re-use of construction or construction waste materials; Retention of the distinctive character of the landscape with any change managed positively; Requirement to carry out an Appropriate Assessment of land use plans affecting Natura 2000 sites (HRA); Scope for protecting and enhancing habitats of importance for nature conservation, with						development will lead to an increase in energy use and carbon emissions. Energy efficiency of new build development will be addressed at planning application stage and through building regulations.
	8 Improve air quality	Town centre developments may result in localised poor air quality.	?/-	?/-	?/-	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: No Air Quality Management Areas have been declared in the district.
	9 Reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources	All new development will address flood risk mitigation / adaptation.	i	i	i	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: The impact of new development on flood risk will be managed through the planning application progress and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	10 Conserve and enhance biodiversity	Policy relates to safeguarding the retail function at the heart of town centres. This SA objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on biodiversity will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	11 Safeguard geological resources including the best and most versatile agricultural land	Policy relates to safeguarding the retail function at the heart of town centres. This SA objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on geological resources will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	12 Minimise the use of non-renewable resources	This SA objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will address this objective.

SA Framework		TCR2 Primary Shopping Frontages				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
creation of new habitats where possible; The risk of adverse effects on historic assets; Need for better quality facilities for tourists including serviced accommodation and improved evening economy in towns.	13 Protect and enhance character of towns / villages; heritage assets and their settings	This SA objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Design principles and policies enforced at planning application stage will help to ensure protection of townscape, heritage assets and their settings.
	14 Protect and enhance character / appearance of landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets	This SA objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Design principles and policies enforced at planning application stage will help to ensure protection of the character of the landscape and natural assets.
	15 Encourage sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness	Vibrant shopping areas will support the visitor economy.	+	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will deliver policy objectives.
Economic Need to address Meeting local employment needs to achieve self-sufficient communities;	16 Safeguard vitality of towns and sustain vibrant rural economy	This is the principal intent of the Policy. A vibrant mix of uses and active streets are likely to lead to enhancement of vitality of town centres.	++	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale of effect**: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent** Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will deliver policy objectives.
	17	Policy ensures a healthy retail core and mix of uses.	+	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**:Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will deliver policy objectives.

SA Framework		TCR2 Primary Shopping Frontages				
Summary of Baseline Situation	**SA Objective**	**Predicted Effects**				**Assumptions and mitigation**
		Nature of Effect	**ST**	**MT**	**LT**	**Justification for assessment**
Initiatives to encourage further employment development and retention / expansion of existing businesses; Diversification of the economic base to improve employment opportunities; Safeguarding good quality employment sites from development for other uses; Provision of relevant employment skills, training and support to help retain and develop a local workforce; Maintaining the vitality and viability of the towns and protection of the towns as service centres;	Sustainable economic growth and diversification of the economy					
	18 High and stable level of employment	Protecting the retail function in the heart of the town centres is likely to contribute maintaining jobs.	+	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**:Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will deliver policy objectives.

SA Framework		TCR2 Primary Shopping Frontages				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Measures to encourage people to shop in the area; Enhancement of local distinctiveness; Protection of the retail function in the heart of the town centres.						
Summary of significant effects of policy: **Policy TCR2 Primary Shopping Frontages** safeguards the retail function at the heart of town centres. Significant positive effects were predicted for maintaining the vitality and viability of the towns, protecting the towns as service centres, promoting sustainable economic growth and supporting high and stable levels of employment. Further positive effects were identified for tourism as vibrant shopping areas are likely to support the visitor economy. No significant negative effects were predicted although it is likely that new development will result in increased energy use and greenhouse gas emissions.						

Table 20.33 Assessment Table for Preferred Option Policy TCR2 Primary Shopping Frontages

Preferred Option Policy TCR3 Retailing and other Town Centre uses outside Town Centres

SA Framework		TCR3 Retailing and other Town Centre uses outside Town Centres				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Social: Need to address: Implications of an increasingly ageing population; Meeting identified housing need, including the need for affordable homes and provision of an appropriate mix of house types and tenures; Reducing health inequalities; Opportunities to improve the health of older people through appropriate housing and access to community facilities and services; Quantity, quality and accessibility of sports and	1 Community cohesion and neighbourhood quality	This SA objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent:** Permanent **Assumptions made**: Design principles enforced at planning application stage will manage impacts on the quality of neighbourhoods.
	2 Improving access to jobs, services and facilities	Policy may be used to support local shopping facilities.	+	+	+	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	3 Improve health and reduce health inequalities	This SA objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will manage impacts on health and inequalities.
	4 Minimise opportunities for crime and reduce fear of crime	This SA objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Design principles enforced at planning application stage will address this objective.
	5 Ensure supply new homes to meet local needs including affordable / social / extra care	This SA objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Delivery of new homes will be managed through other policies in the Plan.

SA Framework		TCR3 Retailing and other Town Centre uses outside Town Centres				
Summary of Baseline Situation	**SA Objective**	**Predicted Effects**				**Assumptions and mitigation**
		Nature of Effect	**ST**	**MT**	**LT**	**Justification for assessment**
recreation facilities, including open space; Any shortfall in school places; Creation of accessible and safe public and private environments; Modal shift away from journeys by car; Measures that reduce the need to travel; Accessibility for those without a car is maintained and improved.	6 Reduce number of journeys made by car	Policy may be used to support local shopping facilities.	+	+	+	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will manage impacts on accessibility for those without a car.
Environmental Need to address: Climate change as a key sustainability issue;	7 Minimise contributions to climate change, consider climate change adaptation	New development will result in increased energy use and greenhouse gas emissions.	i/-	i/-	i/--	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: New development will lead to an increase in energy use and carbon emissions. Energy efficiency of new build development will be addressed at planning application stage and through building regulations.

SA Framework		TCR3 Retailing and other Town Centre uses outside Town Centres				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Use of areas in flood zone 1 and away from sources of risk; Support for the re-use of construction or construction waste materials; Retention of the distinctive character of the landscape with any change managed positively; Requirement to carry out an Appropriate Assessment of land use plans affecting Natura 2000 sites (HRA); Scope for protecting and enhancing habitats of importance for nature conservation, with creation of new habitats where possible;	8 Improve air quality	Impact unknown, site specific.	?/-	?/-	?/-	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: No Air Quality Management Areas have been declared in the district.
	9 Reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources	All new development will address flood risk mitigation / adaptation.	i	i	i	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: The impact of new development on flood risk will be managed through the planning application progress and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	10 Conserve and enhance biodiversity	This SA objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on biodiversity will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	11 Safeguard geological resources including the best and most versatile agricultural land	This SA objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on geological resources will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	12 Minimise the use of non-renewable resources	This SA objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will address this objective.

SA Framework		TCR3 Retailing and other Town Centre uses outside Town Centres				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
The risk of adverse effects on historic assets; Need for better quality facilities for tourists including serviced accommodation and improved evening economy in towns.	13 Protect and enhance character of towns / villages; heritage assets and their settings	This SA objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Design principles and policies enforced at planning application stage will help to ensure protection of townscape, heritage assets and their settings.
	14 Protect and enhance character / appearance of landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets	This SA objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Design principles and policies enforced at planning application stage will help to ensure protection of the character of the landscape and natural assets.
	15 Encourage sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness	Appropriate support for retailing and other town centre uses outside town centres is likely to result in support for the visitor economy.	+	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will deliver policy objectives.
Economic Need to address Meeting local employment needs to achieve self-sufficient communities;	16 Safeguard vitality of towns and sustain vibrant rural economy	Appropriate support for retailing and other town centre uses outside town centres is likely to result in enhancement of vitality of smaller, local centres.	++	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale of effect**: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent** Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will deliver policy objectives.
	17	Policy supports growth through enabling delivery of local shopping facilities.	+	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**:Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will deliver policy objectives.

SA Framework		TCR3 Retailing and other Town Centre uses outside Town Centres				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Initiatives to encourage further employment development and retention / expansion of existing businesses; Diversification of the economic base to improve employment opportunities; Safeguarding good quality employment sites from development for other uses; Provision of relevant employment skills, training and support to help retain and develop a local workforce; Maintaining the vitality and viability of the towns and protection of the towns as service centres;	Sustainable economic growth and diversification of the economy					
	18 High and stable level of employment	Support for retailing and other town centre uses outside town centres is likely to contribute to maintaining jobs.	+	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**:Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will deliver policy objectives.

SA Framework		TCR3 Retailing and other Town Centre uses outside Town Centres				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Measures to encourage people to shop in the area; Enhancement of local distinctiveness; Protection of the retail function in the heart of the town centres.						
Summary of significant effects of policy: **Policy TCR3 Retailing and other Town Centre uses outside Town Centres** provides support for local shopping facilities. Significant positive effects were predicted for maintaining the vitality and viability of smaller, local centres, promoting sustainable economic growth and supporting high and stable levels of employment. Further positive effects were identified for improving access to jobs, services and facilities (including by non-car journeys) and tourism, as appropriate support for retailing and other town centre uses outside town centres is likely to result in support for the visitor economy. No significant negative effects were predicted although it is likely that new development will result in increased energy use and greenhouse gas emissions.						

Table 20.34 Assessment Table for Preferred Option Policy TCR3 Retailing and other Town Centre uses outside Town Centres

20.2.5 Design and Conservation

Preferred Option Policy DC1 Design Considerations

SA Framework		DC1 Design Considerations				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Social: Need to address: Implications of an increasingly ageing population; Meeting identified housing need, including the need for affordable homes and provision of an appropriate mix of house types and tenures; Reducing health inequalities; Opportunities to improve the health of older	1 Community cohesion and neighbourhood quality	Principles are designed to secure high quality, well designed environments, this could enable significant improvements to the social and environmental quality of neighbourhoods in the medium to long term.	+	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent:** Permanent **Assumptions made**:Design principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	2 Improving access to jobs, services and facilities	This SA objective is more influenced by location of development than by design, however policy includes a requirement to consider equality of access. Overall a neutral impact is likely.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	3 Improve health and reduce health inequalities	Policy seeks good quality design and includes a requirement to incorporate public spaces and green infrastructure. This is likely to lead to positive impacts on health and well-being in the long term.	+	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	4 Minimise opportunities for crime and reduce fear of crime	Policy seeks to deliver a safe environment and may lead to a reduction in the level of crime and fear of crime through design and or other safety measures.	+	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Design principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.

SA Framework		DC1 Design Considerations				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
people through appropriate housing and access to community facilities and services; Quantity, quality and accessibility of sports and recreation facilities, including open space; Any shortfall in school places; Creation of accessible and safe public and private environments; Modal shift away from journeys by car; Measures that reduce the need to travel;	5 Ensure supply new homes to meet local needs including affordable / social / extra care	Policy intent is to deliver high quality homes and this is likely to help meet need. Viability report will need to demonstrate that high build standards do not undermine the overall delivery of schemes including affordable homes.	+/i	+/i	+/i	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	6 Reduce number of journeys made by car	The policy seeks to ensure equality of access and use for all sections of the community.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: A sequential approach will help to focus development close to existing communities. **Mitigation**: Policy could include a requirement for developments to be well integrated for car, pedestrian and cycle use as well as other sustainable transport links.

SA Framework		DC1 Design Considerations				
Summary of Baseline Situation	**SA Objective**	**Predicted Effects**				**Assumptions and mitigation**
		Nature of Effect	**ST**	**MT**	**LT**	**Justification for assessment**
Accessibility for those without a car is maintained and improved.						
Environmental Need to address: Climate change as a key sustainability issue; Use of areas in flood zone 1 and away from sources of risk; Support for the re-use of construction or construction waste materials; Retention of the distinctive character of the landscape with any change managed positively;	7 Minimise contributions to climate change, consider climate change adaptation	Policy requires incorporation of sustainable construction techniques and design concepts to reduce the impact of development. More information is required in order to assess the impact of the policy on greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption.	i	i	i	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: New development will lead to an increase in energy use and carbon emissions. Energy efficiency of new build development will be addressed at planning application stage and through building regulations. **Mitigation**: Policy should seek to mitigate the impacts of climate change through supporting delivery of renewable and low carbon forms of energy.
	8 Improve air quality	More information is required to assess how the delivery of new development under this policy would impact on air quality targets and the performance of identified areas of poor air quality.	i	i	i	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: No Air Quality Management Areas have been declared in the district. **Mitigation**: Policy should include requirement for the creation of healthy environments.
	9 Reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources	All new development will address flood risk mitigation / adaptation.	i	i	i	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: The impact of new development on flood risk will be managed through the planning application progress and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	10 Conserve and enhance biodiversity	The policy seeks to promote the maintenance, enhancement, restoration and re-creation of biodiversity where	++	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions**

SA Framework		DC1 Design Considerations				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Requirement to carry out an Appropriate Assessment of land use plans affecting Natura 2000 sites (HRA); Scope for protecting and enhancing habitats of importance for nature conservation, with creation of new habitats where possible; The risk of adverse effects on historic assets; Need for better quality facilities for tourists including serviced accommodation and improved evening economy in towns.		appropriate. Significance of effect is dependent on implementation of the policy.				**made**: Any impacts on biodiversity will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	11 Safeguard geological resources including the best and most versatile agricultural land	The policy seeks to promote the maintenance, enhancement, restoration and re-creation of geological heritage where appropriate. Significance of effect is dependent on implementation of the policy.	i	i	i	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on geological resources will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	12 Minimise the use of non-renewable resources	Policy requires incorporation of sustainable construction techniques and design concepts to reduce the impact of development.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions. **Mitigation:** Policy should require development that secures effective use of resources including making best use of existing buildings.
	13 Protect and enhance character of towns / villages; heritage assets and their settings	Policy requires development that maintains the distinctive character of the District's towns and villages and their settings.	++	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	14 Protect and enhance character / appearance of landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets	Policy requires development appropriate to the character of the area.	+	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions**. Mitigation**: Policy

SA Framework		DC1 Design Considerations				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
						should require development that retains the distinctive character of the landscape (including historic landscape) with any change managed positively.
	15 Encourage sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness	Taking account of the distinctive character of the District, including its natural and historic environment will support and strengthen Staffordshire Moorlands tourism attraction and help to maintain the visitor economy.	+	+	+	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Tourism would be negatively impacted by a decline in the natural and built environment.
Economic Need to address Meeting local employment needs to achieve self-sufficient communities; Initiatives to encourage further employment development and retention / expansion of existing businesses; Diversification of the economic base to improve employment opportunities;	16 Safeguard vitality of towns and sustain vibrant rural economy	Policy intent is to create high quality development with attractive, accessible and safe environments and this is likely to lead to positive effects on the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages.	+	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale of effect**: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent** Permanent **Assumptions made**:Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	17 Sustainable economic growth and diversification of the economy	Policy intent is to deliver well designed development and high quality built environment and public realm and this is likely to lead to investment in business, people and infrastructure, resulting in a strengthened and more diversified economy.	+	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**:Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	18 High and stable level of employment	Policy intent is to deliver well designed development and high quality built environment and public realm and this is likely to support inward investment, contributing to sustaining local employment. Significance of effect is dependent on implementation of the policy.	i/+	i/+	i/+	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**:Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.

SA Framework		DC1 Design Considerations				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Safeguarding good quality employment sites from development for other uses; Provision of relevant employment skills, training and support to help retain and develop a local workforce; Maintaining the vitality and viability of the towns and protection of the towns as service centres; Measures to encourage people to shop in the area; Enhancement of local distinctiveness; Protection of the retail function in the heart of the town centres.						

SA Framework		DC1 Design Considerations				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Summary of significant effects of policy: **Policy DC1 Design Considerations** includes measures to promote locally distinctive, creative and sensitive design solutions to delivering new development, including incorporating sustainable construction techniques and design concepts to reduce the impact of development. Significant positive effects include the likelihood of improvements to the social and environmental quality of neighbourhoods and positive impacts on health and well-being. The policy seeks to promote the maintenance, enhancement, restoration and re-creation of biodiversity and geological heritage where appropriate and this could make a significant contribution to the protection of natural assets, although the significance of effect is dependent on implementation of the policy. Further positive effects are likely to result from the policy intent to deliver well designed development and high quality built environment and public realm as this is likely to lead to investment in business, people and infrastructure, resulting in a strengthened and more diversified economy, more vibrant town and village centres and sustained levels of employment. Whilst no significant negative effects were predicted, a number of policy improvements were identified as follows: **Mitigation:** Policy should include a requirement for developments to be well integrated for car, pedestrian and cycle use as well as other sustainable transport links. It should also seek to mitigate the impacts of climate change through supporting delivery of renewable and low carbon forms of energy and include a requirement for the creation of healthy environments (to address potential impacts of air pollution). The Policy should require development that secures the effective use of resources, including making best use of existing buildings, and that retains the distinctive character of the landscape (including historic landscape) with any change managed positively.					

Table 20.35 Assessment Table for Preferred Option Policy DC1 Design Considerations

Preferred Option Policy DC2 The Historic Environment

SA Framework		DC2 The Historic Environment				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Social: Need to address: Implications of an increasingly ageing population;	1 Community cohesion and neighbourhood quality	Higher quality built environment through safeguarding heritage assets may lead to benefits for the social and environmental quality of neighbourhoods in the medium to long term.	+	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent:** Permanent **Assumptions made**:Design principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.

SA Framework		DC2 The Historic Environment				
Summary of Baseline Situation	**SA Objective**	**Predicted Effects**				**Assumptions and mitigation**
		Nature of Effect	**ST**	**MT**	**LT**	**Justification for assessment**
Meeting identified housing need, including the need for affordable homes and provision of an appropriate mix of house types and tenures; Reducing health inequalities; Opportunities to improve the health of older people through appropriate housing and access to community facilities and services; Quantity, quality and accessibility of sports and recreation facilities, including open space; Any shortfall in school places;	2 Improving access to jobs, services and facilities	Policy is not designed to restrict new development and thus is not expected to have a negative impact on delivery of new new services and facilities. Overall a neutral impact is likely.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	3 Improve health and reduce health inequalities	Protection for historic parks and gardens and the historic landscape is likely to benefit health and well-being in the long term. Overall a neutral impact is likely.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	4 Minimise opportunities for crime and reduce fear of crime	This SA objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Any impacts on community safety will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	5 Ensure supply new homes to meet local needs including affordable / social / extra care	This SA objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Any impacts on housing supply will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	6 Reduce number of journeys made by car	This SA objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on traffic will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.

SA Framework		DC2 The Historic Environment				
Summary of Baseline Situation	**SA Objective**	**Predicted Effects**				**Assumptions and mitigation**
		Nature of Effect	**ST**	**MT**	**LT**	**Justification for assessment**
Creation of accessible and safe public and private environments; Modal shift away from journeys by car; Measures that reduce the need to travel; Accessibility for those without a car is maintained and improved.						
Environmental Need to address: Climate change as a key sustainability issue; Use of areas in flood zone 1 and away from sources of risk;	7 Minimise contributions to climate change, consider climate change adaptation	This SA objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: New development will lead to an increase in energy use and carbon emissions. Energy efficiency of new build development will be addressed at planning application stage and through building regulations.
	8 Improve air quality	More information is required to assess how the delivery of new development under this policy would impact on air quality targets and the performance of identified areas of poor air quality.	i	i	i	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: No Air Quality Management Areas have been declared in the district.

SA Framework		DC2 The Historic Environment				
Summary of Baseline Situation	**SA Objective**	**Predicted Effects**				**Assumptions and mitigation**
		Nature of Effect	**ST**	**MT**	**LT**	**Justification for assessment**
Support for the re-use of construction or construction waste materials; Retention of the distinctive character of the landscape with any change managed positively; Requirement to carry out an Appropriate Assessment of land use plans affecting Natura 2000 sites (HRA); Scope for protecting and enhancing habitats of importance for nature conservation, with creation of new habitats where possible; The risk of adverse effects on historic assets;	9 Reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources	All new development will address flood risk mitigation / adaptation.	i	i	i	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: The impact of new development on flood risk will be managed through the planning application progress and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	10 Conserve and enhance biodiversity	This SA objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan. However positive effects are likely to result from protection for historic parks and gardens and the historic landscape.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on biodiversity will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	11 Safeguard geological resources including the best and most versatile agricultural land	This SA objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on geological resources will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	12 Minimise the use of non-renewable resources	Preventing the loss of buildings is likely to lead to minimising use of non-renewable resources. However overall a neutral impact is anticipated.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	13 Protect and enhance character of towns / villages; heritage assets and their settings	Policy seeks to safeguard and where possible enhance the historic environment, areas of historic landscape character and interests of acknowledged importance along with their settings. This is likely to lead to significant positive effects.	++	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.

SA Framework		DC2 The Historic Environment				
Summary of Baseline Situation	**SA Objective**	**Predicted Effects**				**Assumptions and mitigation**
		Nature of Effect	**ST**	**MT**	**LT**	**Justification for assessment**
Need for better quality facilities for tourists including serviced accommodation and improved evening economy in towns.	14 Protect and enhance character / appearance of landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets	Policy seeks to safeguard and where possible enhance the historic environment and areas of historic landscape character. This is likely to lead to significant positive effects.	++	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions**.**
	15 Encourage sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness	Safeguarding the historic environment, areas of historic landscape character and interests of acknowledged importance is likely to support the District's tourism attraction and help to maintain the visitor economy.	+	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Tourism would be negatively impacted by a decline in the natural and built environment.
Economic Need to address Meeting local employment needs to achieve self-sufficient communities; Initiatives to encourage further employment development and retention / expansion of existing businesses;	16 Safeguard vitality of towns and sustain vibrant rural economy	Heritage led regeneration schemes can make a positive contribution to the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages.	+	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale of effect**: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent** Permanent **Assumptions made**:Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	17 Sustainable economic growth and diversification of the economy	Safeguarding the historic environment may help to support investment in business, people and infrastructure, resulting in a strengthened and more diversified economy.	+	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**:Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	18 High and stable level of employment	Safeguarding the historic environment may help to support investment in business, people and infrastructure, contributing to sustaining local employment. Significance of effect is dependent on implementation of the policy.	i/+	i/+	i/+	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**:Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.

SA Framework		DC2 The Historic Environment				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Diversification of the economic base to improve employment opportunities; Safeguarding good quality employment sites from development for other uses; Provision of relevant employment skills, training and support to help retain and develop a local workforce; Maintaining the vitality and viability of the towns and protection of the towns as service centres; Measures to encourage people to shop in the area;						

SA Framework		DC2 The Historic Environment				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Enhancement of local distinctiveness; Protection of the retail function in the heart of the town centres.						
Summary of significant effects of policy: **Policy DC2 The Historic Environment** seeks to ensure that sites and areas of particular heritage value are safeguarded for the future and where possible enhanced, both for their own heritage merits and as part of wider heritage led regeneration proposals. Significant positive effects include protection and enhancement of the character of towns and villages, as well as heritage assets and their settings and the character of historic landscapes. Further positive effects are likely to result from the policy intent to safeguard the District's historic environment as heritage led regeneration schemes may lead to investment in business, people and infrastructure, resulting in a strengthened and more diversified economy, more vibrant town and village centres and sustained levels of local employment. No significant negative effects were predicted.						

Table 20.36 Assessment Table for Preferred Option Policy DC2 The Historic Environment

Preferred Option Policy DC3 Landscape and Settlement Setting

SA Framework		DC3 Landscape and Settlement Setting				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Social: Need to address:	1 Community cohesion and neighbourhood quality	Maintaining the high quality of local landscapes and the setting of settlements may lead to benefits for the social and environmental quality of neighbourhoods in the medium to long term.	+	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent:** Permanent **Assumptions made**:Design principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.

SA Framework		DC3 Landscape and Settlement Setting				
Summary of Baseline Situation	**SA Objective**	**Predicted Effects**				**Assumptions and mitigation**
		Nature of Effect	**ST**	**MT**	**LT**	**Justification for assessment**
Implications of an increasingly ageing population; Meeting identified housing need, including the need for affordable homes and provision of an appropriate mix of house types and tenures; Reducing health inequalities; Opportunities to improve the health of older people through appropriate housing and access to community facilities and services; Quantity, quality and accessibility of sports and recreation facilities, including open space;						
	2 Improving access to jobs, services and facilities	Policy is not designed to restrict new development and thus is not expected to have a negative impact on delivery of new services and facilities. Overall a neutral impact is likely.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	3 Improve health and reduce health inequalities	Protection for landscape quality is likely to benefit health and well-being in the long term. Overall a neutral impact is likely.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	4 Minimise opportunities for crime and reduce fear of crime	This SA objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Any impacts on community safety will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	5 Ensure supply new homes to meet local needs including affordable / social / extra care	This SA objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Any impacts on housing supply will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	6 Reduce number of journeys made by car	This SA objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on traffic will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.

SA Framework		DC3 Landscape and Settlement Setting				
Summary of Baseline Situation	**SA Objective**	**Predicted Effects**				**Assumptions and mitigation**
		Nature of Effect	**ST**	**MT**	**LT**	**Justification for assessment**
Any shortfall in school places; Creation of accessible and safe public and private environments; Modal shift away from journeys by car; Measures that reduce the need to travel; Accessibility for those without a car is maintained and improved.						
Environmental Need to address: Climate change as a key sustainability issue; Use of areas in flood zone 1 and away from sources of risk;	7 Minimise contributions to climate change, consider climate change adaptation	This SA objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: New development will lead to an increase in energy use and carbon emissions. Energy efficiency of new build development will be addressed at planning application stage and through building regulations.
	8 Improve air quality	More information is required to assess how the delivery of new development under this policy would impact on air quality targets and the performance of identified areas of poor air quality.	i	i	i	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: No Air Quality Management Areas have been declared in the district.

SA Framework		DC3 Landscape and Settlement Setting				
Summary of Baseline Situation	**SA Objective**	**Predicted Effects**				**Assumptions and mitigation**
		Nature of Effect	**ST**	**MT**	**LT**	**Justification for assessment**
Support for the re-use of construction or construction waste materials; Retention of the distinctive character of the landscape with any change managed positively; Requirement to carry out an Appropriate Assessment of land use plans affecting Natura 2000 sites (HRA); Scope for protecting and enhancing habitats of importance for nature conservation, with creation of new habitats where possible; The risk of adverse effects on historic assets;	9 Reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources	All new development will address flood risk mitigation / adaptation.	i	i	i	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: The impact of new development on flood risk will be managed through the planning application progress and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	10 Conserve and enhance biodiversity	This SA objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan. However positive effects are likely to result from protection for landscape character and the setting of settlements.	0/+	0/+	0/+	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on biodiversity will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan. **Mitigation**: Policy should require that development maintains the biodiversity qualities of any natural or man-made features within the landscape, such as trees, woodlands, hedgerows, walls, watercourses or ponds and that development supports ecological networks in accordance with the GI strategy.
	11 Safeguard geological resources including the best and most versatile agricultural land	This SA objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan. However positive effects are likely to result from protection for landscape character and the setting of settlements.	0/+	0/+	0/+	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on geological resources will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	12 Minimise the use of non-renewable resources	This SA objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on non-renewable resources will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.

SA Framework		DC3 Landscape and Settlement Setting				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Need for better quality facilities for tourists including serviced accommodation and improved evening economy in towns.	13 Protect and enhance character of towns / villages; heritage assets and their settings	Policy seeks to protect and where possible enhance local landscape and the setting of settlements. This is likely to lead to positive effects on protecting the distinctive character of towns and villages.	+	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	14 Protect and enhance character / appearance of landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets	Policy seeks to protect and where possible enhance local landscape and the setting of settlements. This is likely to lead to significant positive effects.	++	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions**.**
	15 Encourage sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness	Protecting local landscapes and the setting of settlements is likely to support the District's tourism attraction and help to maintain the visitor economy.	+	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Tourism would be negatively impacted by a decline in the natural and built environment.
Economic Need to address Meeting local employment needs to achieve self-sufficient communities;	16 Safeguard vitality of towns and sustain vibrant rural economy	A neutral impact is likely on the vitality of town or village centres.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale of effect**: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent** Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on the local economy will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	17	Safeguarding landscape character is likely to support the tourist economy, however overall the effect has been assessed as neutral.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**:Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts

SA Framework		DC3 Landscape and Settlement Setting				
Summary of Baseline Situation	**SA Objective**	**Predicted Effects**				**Assumptions and mitigation**
		Nature of Effect	**ST**	**MT**	**LT**	**Justification for assessment**
Initiatives to encourage further employment development and retention / expansion of existing businesses; Diversification of the economic base to improve employment opportunities; Safeguarding good quality employment sites from development for other uses; Provision of relevant employment skills, training and support to help retain and develop a local workforce; Maintaining the vitality and viability of the towns and	Sustainable economic growth and diversification of the economy					on the local economy will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	18 High and stable level of employment	Safeguarding landscape character is likely to support employment in the tourist economy, however overall the effect has been assessed as neutral.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**:Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on the local economy will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.

SA Framework		DC3 Landscape and Settlement Setting				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
protection of the towns as service centres; Measures to encourage people to shop in the area; Enhancement of local distinctiveness; Protection of the retail function in the heart of the town centres.						
Summary of significant effects of policy: **Policy DC3 Landscape and Settlement Setting** seeks to protect and where possible enhance local landscape and the setting of settlements. Significant positive effects include protecting the distinctive character of towns and villages and the character of character / appearance of local landscapes, including historic landscapes and other natural assets. Further positive effects included support for the District's tourism attraction and help to maintain the visitor economy. Whilst no significant negative effects were predicted, a policy improvement was identified as follows: **Mitigation**: Policy should require that development maintains the biodiversity qualities of any natural or man-made features within the landscape, such as trees, woodlands, hedgerows, walls, watercourses or ponds and that development supports ecological networks in accordance with the GI strategy.						

Table 20.37 Assessment Table for Preferred Option Policy DC3 Landscape and Settlement Setting

Preferred Option Policy DC4 Local Green Space

SA Framework		DC4 Local Green Space				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Social: Need to address: Implications of an increasingly ageing population; Meeting identified housing need, including the need for affordable homes and provision of an appropriate mix of house types and tenures; Reducing health inequalities; Opportunities to improve the health of older people through appropriate housing and access to community facilities and services; Quantity, quality and accessibility of sports and	1 Community cohesion and neighbourhood quality	Identifying and protecting Local Green Spaces is likely to lead to significant benefits for the social and environmental quality of neighbourhoods.	++	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent:** Permanent **Assumptions made**:Design principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	2 Improving access to jobs, services and facilities	Policy is not expected to have a negative impact on delivery of new services and facilities. Overall a neutral impact is likely.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Any impacts on access to services will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	3 Improve health and reduce health inequalities	Protection for Local Green Spaces is likely to benefit health and well-being in the long term. Overall a neutral impact is likely.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	4 Minimise opportunities for crime and reduce fear of crime	This SA objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Any impacts on community safety will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	5 Ensure supply new homes to meet local needs including affordable / social / extra care	This SA objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on housing supply will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.

SA Framework		DC4 Local Green Space				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
recreation facilities, including open space; Any shortfall in school places; Creation of accessible and safe public and private environments; Modal shift away from journeys by car; Measures that reduce the need to travel; Accessibility for those without a car is maintained and improved.	6 Reduce number of journeys made by car	This SA objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on traffic will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
Environmental Need to address: Climate change as a key sustainability issue;	7 Minimise contributions to climate change, consider climate change adaptation	This SA objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: New development will lead to an increase in energy use and carbon emissions. Energy efficiency of new build development will be addressed at planning application stage and through building regulations.

SA Framework		DC4 Local Green Space				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Use of areas in flood zone 1 and away from sources of risk; Support for the re-use of construction or construction waste materials; Retention of the distinctive character of the landscape with any change managed positively; Requirement to carry out an Appropriate Assessment of land use plans affecting Natura 2000 sites (HRA); Scope for protecting and enhancing habitats of importance for nature conservation, with creation of new habitats where possible;	8 Improve air quality	This SA objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: No Air Quality Management Areas have been declared in the district.
	9 Reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources	All new development will address flood risk mitigation / adaptation.	i	i	i	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: The impact of new development on flood risk will be managed through the planning application progress and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	10 Conserve and enhance biodiversity	Positive effects are likely to result from protection for Local Green Spaces.	0/+	0/+	0/+	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on biodiversity will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	11 Safeguard geological resources including the best and most versatile agricultural land	This SA objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan. However positive effects are likely to result from protection for Local Green Spaces.	0/+	0/+	0/+	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on geological resources will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	12 Minimise the use of non-renewable resources	This SA objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on non-renewable resources will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	13	Protection of Local Green Spaces is likely to lead to positive effects on protecting the distinctive character of towns and villages.	+	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.

SA Framework		DC4 Local Green Space				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
The risk of adverse effects on historic assets; Need for better quality facilities for tourists including serviced accommodation and improved evening economy in towns.	Protect and enhance character of towns / villages; heritage assets and their settings					
	14 Protect and enhance character / appearance of landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets	Depending on site specific details, including location, protection of Local Green Spaces may contribute to enhancing the character of local landscapes. Overall the impact on this objective has need assessed as neutral.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions**.**
	15 Encourage sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness	Protecting Local Green Spaces is likely to help support the District's tourism attraction and help to maintain the visitor economy, in the longer term in particular.	+	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Tourism would be negatively impacted by a decline in the natural and built environment.
Economic Need to address Meeting local employment needs to achieve self-sufficient communities; Initiatives to encourage further employment	16 Safeguard vitality of towns and sustain vibrant rural economy	Safeguarding Local Green Spaces is likely to contribute positively towards sustaining the vitality of town or village centres, however overall the effect has been assessed as neutral.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale of effect**: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent** Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on the local economy will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	17 Sustainable economic growth and diversification of the economy	Safeguarding Local Green Spaces is likely to support the tourist economy, however overall the effect has been assessed as neutral.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**:Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on the local economy will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.

SA Framework		DC4 Local Green Space				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
development and retention / expansion of existing businesses; Diversification of the economic base to improve employment opportunities; Safeguarding good quality employment sites from development for other uses; Provision of relevant employment skills, training and support to help retain and develop a local workforce; Maintaining the vitality and viability of the towns and protection of the towns as service centres; Measures to encourage people to shop in the area;	18 High and stable level of employment	Safeguarding landscape character is likely to support employment in the tourist economy, however overall the effect has been assessed as neutral.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**:Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on the local economy will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.

SA Framework		DC4 Local Green Space				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Enhancement of local distinctiveness; Protection of the retail function in the heart of the town centres.						
Summary of significant effects of policy: **Policy DC4 Local Green Spaces** seeks to protect those green spaces that are of particular importance to communities. Significant positive effects include benefiting the social and environmental quality of neighbourhoods and protecting the distinctive character of towns and villages. Further positive effects included support for the District's tourism attraction and help to maintain the visitor economy. No significant negative effects were predicted.						

Table 20.38 Assessment Table for Preferred Option Policy DC4 Local Green Space

20.2.6 Sustainable Communities

Preferred Option Policy C1 Creating Sustainable Communities

SA Framework		C1 Creating Sustainable Communities				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Social: Need to address: Implications of an increasingly ageing population; Meeting identified housing need, including the need for affordable homes and provision of an appropriate mix of house types and tenures; Reducing health inequalities; Opportunities to improve the health of older people through appropriate housing and access to community facilities and services;	1 Community cohesion and neighbourhood quality	Policy intent is to ensure that new development contributes to the creation of safe, livable and mixed communities.	++	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent:** Permanent **Assumptions made**:Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	2 Improving access to jobs, services and facilities	Policy intent is to ensure that new development contributes to the creation of communities with good access to jobs and key services including recreation facilities.	+	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	3 Improve health and reduce health inequalities	Policy intent is to ensure that new development contributes to the creation of communities with good access to key services. Creation of sustainable communities is likely to lead to improvements in health and well-being in the long term.	+	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions. **Mitigation**: Policy should clarify that community infrastructure includes health services.
	4 Minimise opportunities for crime and reduce fear of crime	Policy requires proposals to incorporate features and layouts that will help to reduce crime and fear of crime.	++	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Design principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.

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Summary of Baseline Situation	**SA Objective**	**Predicted Effects**				**Assumptions and mitigation**
		Nature of Effect	**ST**	**MT**	**LT**	**Justification for assessment**
Quantity, quality and accessibility of sports and recreation facilities, including open space; Any shortfall in school places; Creation of accessible and safe public and private environments; Modal shift away from journeys by car; Measures that reduce the need to travel; Accessibility for those without a car is maintained and improved.	5 Ensure supply new homes to meet local needs including affordable / social / extra care	This SA Objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Any impacts on housing supply will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	6 Reduce number of journeys made by car	The policy requires major new development to be accessible by a choice of means of transport.	+	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Design principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
Environmental Need to address:	7 Minimise contributions to climate change, consider climate change adaptation	More information is required in order to assess the impact of the policy on greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption.	i/-	i/-	i/-	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: New

SA Framework		C1 Creating Sustainable Communities				
Summary of Baseline Situation	**SA Objective**	**Predicted Effects**				**Assumptions and mitigation**
		Nature of Effect	**ST**	**MT**	**LT**	**Justification for assessment**
Climate change as a key sustainability issue; Use of areas in flood zone 1 and away from sources of risk; Support for the re-use of construction or construction waste materials; Retention of the distinctive character of the landscape with any change managed positively; Requirement to carry out an Appropriate Assessment of land use plans affecting Natura 2000 sites (HRA); Scope for protecting and enhancing habitats						development will lead to an increase in energy use and carbon emissions. Energy efficiency of new build development will be addressed at planning application stage and through building regulations.
	8 Improve air quality	More information is required to assess how the delivery of new development under this policy would impact on air quality targets and the performance of identified areas of poor air quality.	i	i	i	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: No Air Quality Management Areas have been declared in the district.
	9 Reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources	All new development will address flood risk mitigation / adaptation.	i	i	i	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: The impact of new development on flood risk will be managed through the planning application progress and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	10 Conserve and enhance biodiversity	This objective will be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on biodiversity will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	11 Safeguard geological resources including the best and most versatile agricultural land	This objective will be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on geological resources will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.

SA Framework		C1 Creating Sustainable Communities				
Summary of Baseline Situation	**SA Objective**	**Predicted Effects**				**Assumptions and mitigation**
		Nature of Effect	**ST**	**MT**	**LT**	**Justification for assessment**
of importance for nature conservation, with creation of new habitats where possible; The risk of adverse effects on historic assets; Need for better quality facilities for tourists including serviced accommodation and improved evening economy in towns.	12 Minimise the use of non-renewable resources	This SA Objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on non-renewable resources will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	13 Protect and enhance character of towns / villages; heritage assets and their settings	Retention of community facilities will help to prevent buildings falling into disrepair and any associated negative impacts on the built environment through empty buildings.	+	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	14 Protect and enhance character / appearance of landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets	This objective will be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions**.**
	15 Encourage sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness	Retaining and enhancing community facilities will contribute towards the District's tourism attraction and help to maintain the visitor economy.	+	+	+	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Tourism would be negatively impacted by a reduction in community facilities.
Economic Need to address	16 Safeguard vitality of towns and sustain vibrant rural economy	New community facilities, particularly in smaller villages and other rural areas is likely to contribute to their viability.	+	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale of effect**: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent** Permanent **Assumptions made**:Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.

SA Framework		C1 Creating Sustainable Communities				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Meeting local employment needs to achieve self-sufficient communities; Initiatives to encourage further employment development and retention / expansion of existing businesses; Diversification of the economic base to improve employment opportunities; Safeguarding good quality employment sites from development for other uses; Provision of relevant employment skills, training and support to help retain and develop a local workforce;						
	17 Sustainable economic growth and diversification of the economy	Overall the effect has been assessed as neutral.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**:Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on the local economy will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	18 High and stable level of employment	Overall the effect has been assessed as neutral.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**:Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on local employment will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.

SA Framework		C1 Creating Sustainable Communities				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Maintaining the vitality and viability of the towns and protection of the towns as service centres; Measures to encourage people to shop in the area; Enhancement of local distinctiveness; Protection of the retail function in the heart of the town centres.						
Summary of significant effects of policy: **Policy C1 Creating Sustainable Communities** supports proposals which protect, retain or enhance existing community facilities in towns and villages and includes measures to resist proposals that involve the loss of local facilities. There is a requirement to incorporate the infrastructure required as a result of any scheme or to make provision for financial contributions. Significant positive effects for community cohesion, neighbourhood quality and access to services are anticipated from the policy intent to ensure that new development contributes to the creation of safe, livable and mixed communities with good access to jobs and key services including recreation facilities. Further positive effects are likely to arise from new community facilities, particularly in smaller villages and other rural areas contributing to the viability of communities. Creation of sustainable communities is likely to lead to improvements in health and well-being in the long term. No significant negative effects were predicted however a policy improvement was identified as follows. **Mitigation**: Policy should clarify that community infrastructure includes health services.						

Table 20.39 Assessment Table for Preferred Option Policy C1 Creating Sustainable Communities

Preferred Option Policy C2 Sport, Recreation and Open Space

SA Framework		C2 Sport, Recreation and Open Space				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Social: Need to address: Implications of an increasingly ageing population; Meeting identified housing need, including the need for affordable homes and provision of an appropriate mix of house types and tenures; Reducing health inequalities; Opportunities to improve the health of older people through appropriate housing and access to community facilities and services;	1 Community cohesion and neighbourhood quality	Provision of open space, sports and recreation facilities is expected to make a positive contribution towards creating and maintaining high quality local neighbourhoods and supporting community cohesion.	+	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent:** Permanent **Assumptions made**:Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	2 Improving access to jobs, services and facilities	Qualifying new residential development is required to contribute to the provision of new open space and recreation facilities,according to adopted access standards.	+	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	3 Improve health and reduce health inequalities	Provision of recreational open space is likely to lead to improvements in health and well-being in the long term.	+	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	4 Minimise opportunities for crime and reduce fear of crime	This SA Objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Any impacts on crime will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	5 Ensure supply new homes to meet local needs including affordable / social / extra care	This SA Objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Any impacts

SA Framework		C2 Sport, Recreation and Open Space				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Quantity, quality and accessibility of sports and recreation facilities, including open space; Any shortfall in school places; Creation of accessible and safe public and private environments; Modal shift away from journeys by car; Measures that reduce the need to travel; Accessibility for those without a car is maintained and improved.						on housing supply will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	6 Reduce number of journeys made by car	The policy requires new sport, recreation and open space facilities to be located in accessible locations and supported by the local transport infrastructure.	+	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Design principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions. **Mitigation**: Policy should require new sport, recreation and open space facilities to be accessible by a choice of means of transport.
Environmental Need to address:	7 Minimise contributions to climate change, consider climate change adaptation	More information is required in order to assess the impact of the policy on greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption.	i/-	i/-	i/-	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: New

SA Framework		C2 Sport, Recreation and Open Space				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Climate change as a key sustainability issue; Use of areas in flood zone 1 and away from sources of risk; Support for the re-use of construction or construction waste materials; Retention of the distinctive character of the landscape with any change managed positively; Requirement to carry out an Appropriate Assessment of land use plans affecting Natura 2000 sites (HRA); Scope for protecting and enhancing						development will lead to an increase in energy use and carbon emissions. Energy efficiency of new build development will be addressed at planning application stage and through building regulations.
	8 Improve air quality	More information is required to assess how the delivery of new development under this policy would impact on air quality targets and the performance of identified areas of poor air quality.	i	i	i	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: No Air Quality Management Areas have been declared in the district.
	9 Reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources	All new development will address flood risk mitigation / adaptation. Safeguarding existing open space and creation of open space as part of new developments may help manage flood risk.	i	i	i	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: The impact of new development on flood risk will be managed through the planning application progress and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	10 Conserve and enhance biodiversity	This objective will be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan. Safeguarding existing open space and creation of open space as part of new developments may help connectivity of wildlife sites.	0	0	0/+	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on biodiversity will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	11 Safeguard geological resources including the best and most versatile agricultural land	This objective will be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on geological resources will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	12	This SA Objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts

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Summary of Baseline Situation	**SA Objective**	**Predicted Effects**				**Assumptions and mitigation**
		Nature of Effect	**ST**	**MT**	**LT**	**Justification for assessment**
habitats of importance for nature conservation, with creation of new habitats where possible; The risk of adverse effects on historic assets; Need for better quality facilities for tourists including serviced accommodation and improved evening economy in towns.	Minimise the use of non-renewable resources					on non-renewable resources will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	13 Protect and enhance character of towns / villages; heritage assets and their settings	Safeguarding existing open space and creation of open space as part of new developments will help to maintain heritage assets and townscape quality.	+	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	14 Protect and enhance character / appearance of landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets	This objective will be addressed by other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions**.**
	15 Encourage sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness	Retaining and enhancing recreation facilities will contribute towards the District's tourism attraction and help to maintain the visitor economy.	+	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Tourism would be negatively impacted by a reduction in community facilities.
Economic Need to address	16 Safeguard vitality of towns and sustain vibrant rural economy	Recreation facilities, particularly in smaller villages and other rural areas is likely to contribute to their vibrancy.	0	+	+	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale of effect**: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent** Permanent **Assumptions made**:Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.

SA Framework		C2 Sport, Recreation and Open Space				
Summary of Baseline Situation	**SA Objective**	**Predicted Effects**				**Assumptions and mitigation**
		Nature of Effect	**ST**	**MT**	**LT**	**Justification for assessment**
Meeting local employment needs to achieve self-sufficient communities; Initiatives to encourage further employment development and retention / expansion of existing businesses; Diversification of the economic base to improve employment opportunities; Safeguarding good quality employment sites from development for other uses; Provision of relevant employment skills, training and support to help retain and develop a local workforce;						
	17 Sustainable economic growth and diversification of the economy	Overall the effect has been assessed as neutral.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**:Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on the local economy will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	18 High and stable level of employment	Overall the effect has been assessed as neutral.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**:Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on local employment will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.

SA Framework		C2 Sport, Recreation and Open Space				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Maintaining the vitality and viability of the towns and protection of the towns as service centres; Measures to encourage people to shop in the area; Enhancement of local distinctiveness; Protection of the retail function in the heart of the town centres.						
Summary of significant effects of policy: **Policy C2 Sport, Recreation and Open Space** provides continued protection from development for existing areas identified for recreational land and buildings including school playing fields and amenity space and supports the provision of new sport, recreation and open space facilities consistent with guidance in the Council's SPD. Significant positive effects for health and well-being and creating and maintaining high quality local neighbourhoods are anticipated and this is also likely to lead to positive effects on townscape quality, helping to maintain the visitor economy. Further positive effects are likely to arise from new recreation facilities, particularly in smaller villages and other rural areas contributing to the viability of communities. Provision of new facilities is also likely to have positive effects on improving access to services in the long term. No significant negative effects were predicted however a policy improvement was identified as follows: **Mitigation**: Policy should require new sport, recreation and open space facilities to be accessible by a choice of means of transport.						

Table 20.40 Assessment Table for Preferred Option Policy C2 Sport, Recreation and Open Space

Preferred Option Policy C3 Green Infrastructure

SA Framework		C3 Green Infrastructure				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Social: Need to address: Implications of an increasingly ageing population; Meeting identified housing need, including the need for affordable homes and provision of an appropriate mix of house types and tenures; Reducing health inequalities; Opportunities to improve the health of older people through appropriate housing and access to community facilities and services;	1 Community cohesion and neighbourhood quality	Policy will support open space and recreational facilities and this is likely to make a positive contribution towards creating and maintaining high quality local neighbourhoods and supporting community cohesion through enhancing the setting of neighbourhoods.	+	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent:** Permanent **Assumptions made**:Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	2 Improving access to jobs, services and facilities	Improving connectivity to a range of facilities via helping to establish or improve green travel links is likely to lead to positive effects on improving access.	+	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	3 Improve health and reduce health inequalities	Supporting provision of recreational open space is likely to lead to improvements in health and well-being in the long term.	+	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	4 Minimise opportunities for crime and reduce fear of crime	This SA Objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Any impacts on crime will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	5 Ensure supply new homes to meet local needs including affordable / social / extra care	This SA Objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions**

SA Framework		C3 Green Infrastructure				
Summary of Baseline Situation	**SA Objective**	**Predicted Effects**				**Assumptions and mitigation**
		Nature of Effect	**ST**	**MT**	**LT**	**Justification for assessment**
Quantity, quality and accessibility of sports and recreation facilities, including open space; Any shortfall in school places; Creation of accessible and safe public and private environments; Modal shift away from journeys by car; Measures that reduce the need to travel; Accessibility for those without a car is maintained and improved.						**made**:Any impacts on housing supply will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	6 Reduce number of journeys made by car	Identifying opportunities to provide additional green routes is likely to lead to positive effects.	+	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Design principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions. **Mitigation**: Policy should require support for improving green travel links to existing and new services and facilities, as well as formal and informal recreation opportunities, in line with the GI Strategy.
Environmental Need to address:	7 Minimise contributions to climate change, consider climate change adaptation	The policy is likely to lead to positive effects on this objective through a reduction in car use and associated emissions. In addition the GI strategy can have a positive impact on climate	+	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Design principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.

SA Framework		C3 Green Infrastructure				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Climate change as a key sustainability issue; Use of areas in flood zone 1 and away from sources of risk; Support for the re-use of construction or construction waste materials; Retention of the distinctive character of the landscape with any change managed positively; Requirement to carry out an Appropriate Assessment of land use plans affecting Natura 2000 sites (HRA); Scope for protecting and enhancing		change adaptation through help to manage flood risk and waterways.				
	8 Improve air quality	Development of a GI network across the District is likely to help reduce the need to use vehicular means of travel and this is likely to lead to positive impacts on air quality.	+	+	+	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: No Air Quality Management Areas have been declared in the district.
	9 Reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources	Policy intent is to use green infrastructure for effective flood risk and waterways management.	+	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: The impact of new development on flood risk will be managed through the planning application progress and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	10 Conserve and enhance biodiversity	Policy intent is to support the creation of new wildlife habitats, increase biodiversity and linkages between sites.	++	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on biodiversity will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan. **Mitigation**: Policy should refer to support for the development of ecological networks in line with the GI strategy.
	11 Safeguard geological resources including the best and most versatile agricultural land	Policy proposes that GI should include natural, man-made and cultural features that are crucial to the local landscape.	+	+	+	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on geological resources will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan. **Mitigation**: Policy should explicitly include geodiversity as a green infrastructure asset in line with the GI strategy.

SA Framework		C3 Green Infrastructure				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
habitats of importance for nature conservation, with creation of new habitats where possible; The risk of adverse effects on historic assets; Need for better quality facilities for tourists including serviced accommodation and improved evening economy in towns.	12 Minimise the use of non-renewable resources	This SA Objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on non-renewable resources will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	13 Protect and enhance character of towns / villages; heritage assets and their settings	Increase in the green realm is likely to lead to positive effects on townscape and the character and appearance of towns and villages.	+	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	14 Protect and enhance character / appearance of landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets	Very positive impact through protection of existing natural assets and green infrastructure including wildlife sites, parks and woodlands and public open space.	++	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions**.**
	15 Encourage sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness	Enhancement of the GI network is likely to help improve access to the Peak District Natural Park and development of leisure routes and this is likely to contribute towards the District's tourism attraction and help to maintain the visitor economy.	+	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Development of high quality and multi-functional GI network will attract visitors and provide recreation opportunities.

SA Framework		C3 Green Infrastructure				
Summary of Baseline Situation	**SA Objective**	**Predicted Effects**				**Assumptions and mitigation**
		Nature of Effect	**ST**	**MT**	**LT**	**Justification for assessment**
Economic Need to address Meeting local employment needs to achieve self-sufficient communities Initiatives to encourage further employment development and retention / expansion of existing businesses; Diversification of the economic base to improve employment opportunities; Safeguarding good quality employment sites from development for other uses; Provision of relevant employment skills, training and	16 Safeguard vitality of towns and sustain vibrant rural economy	Policy intent is to contribute to the diversification of the local economy and tourist development through provision of new facilities as part of the GI network.	+	+	+	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale of effect**: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent** Permanent **Assumptions made**: Development of high quality and multi-functional GI network will attract visitors and provide recreation opportunities.
	17 Sustainable economic growth and diversification of the economy	Policy intent is to contribute to the diversification of the local economy and tourist development through provision of new facilities as part of the GI network. Overall the effect has been assessed as largely neutral.	0	0/+	0/+	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**:Permanent **Assumptions made**: Development of high quality and multi-functional GI network will attract visitors and provide recreation opportunities.
	18 High and stable level of employment	Overall the effect has been assessed as neutral.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**:Permanent **Assumptions made**: Development of high quality and multi-functional GI network will attract visitors and provide recreation opportunities.

SA Framework		C3 Green Infrastructure				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
support to help retain and develop a local workforce; Maintaining the vitality and viability of the towns and protection of the towns as service centres; Measures to encourage people to shop in the area; Enhancement of local distinctiveness; Protection of the retail function in the heart of the town centres.						
Summary of significant effects of policy: **Policy C3 Green Infrastructure** is supported by a Green Infrastructure strategy and recognises that the District's wide range of existing and potential green infrastructure assets will benefit from a strategic approach ensuring that adequate protection is given to key features; areas are identified where new linkages and assets need to be created and guidance and management is provided for development that may impact on such areas. Significant positive effects on a wide range of SA objectives were identified, including for health and well-being; creating and maintaining high quality local neighbourhoods and improving connectivity to a range of facilities via helping to establish or improve green travel links. Further positive effects on biodiversity and geodiversity are likely to arise from support for the creation of new wildlife habitats; enhancement of existing sites and creating links between them. Use of green infrastructure for effective flood risk and waterways management is likely to result in positive effects on water quality and climate change adaptation.Development of a high quality and multi-functional GI network that attracts visitors and provides recreation opportunities is also likely to have positive effects on sustainable economic growth and diversification of the economy. No significant negative effects were predicted however policy improvements were identified as follows:						

SA Framework		C3 Green Infrastructure				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Mitigation: Policy should require support for improving green travel links to existing and new services and facilities, as well as formal and informal recreation opportunities, and should refer to support for the development of ecological networks in line with the GI strategy. The Policy should also explicitly include geodiversity as a green infrastructure asset.						

Table 20.41 Assessment Table for Preferred Option Policy C3 Green Infrastructure

20.2.7 Natural Environment

Preferred Option Policy NE1 Biodiversity and Geological Resources

SA Framework		NE1 Biodiversity and Geological Resources				
Summary of Baseline Situation	**SA Objective**	**Predicted Effects**				**Assumptions and mitigation**
		Nature of Effect	**ST**	**MT**	**LT**	**Justification for assessment**
Social: Need to address: Implications of an increasingly ageing population; Meeting identified housing need, including the need for affordable homes and provision of an appropriate mix of house types and tenures; Reducing health inequalities; Opportunities to improve the health of older people through appropriate housing and access to community facilities and services;	1 Community cohesion and neighbourhood quality	Policy will support protection of habitats and biodiversity resources and this is likely to make a positive contribution towards creating and maintaining high quality local neighbourhoods and supporting community cohesion through enhancing the setting of neighbourhoods.	+	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent:** Permanent **Assumptions made**:Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	2 Improving access to jobs, services and facilities	This SA Objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Any impacts on access will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	3 Improve health and reduce health inequalities	Supporting opportunities to enjoy sites of biodiversity importance is likely to lead to improvements in health and well-being in the long term.	+	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	4 Minimise opportunities for crime and reduce fear of crime	This SA Objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Any impacts on crime will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.

SA Framework		NE1 Biodiversity and Geological Resources				
Summary of Baseline Situation	**SA Objective**	**Predicted Effects**				**Assumptions and mitigation**
		Nature of Effect	**ST**	**MT**	**LT**	**Justification for assessment**
Quantity, quality and accessibility of sports and recreation facilities, including open space; Any shortfall in school places; Creation of accessible and safe public and private environments; Modal shift away from journeys by car; Measures that reduce the need to travel; Accessibility for those without a car is maintained and improved.	5 Ensure supply new homes to meet local needs including affordable / social / extra care	This SA Objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Any impacts on housing supply will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	6 Reduce number of journeys made by car	This SA Objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on modes of transport will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
Environmental Need to address:	7 Minimise contributions to climate change, consider climate change adaptation	Policy recognises importance of landscape scale conservation management in relation to the distribution of habitats and species affected by climate change.	+	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.

SA Framework		NE1 Biodiversity and Geological Resources				
Summary of Baseline Situation	**SA Objective**	**Predicted Effects**				**Assumptions and mitigation**
		Nature of Effect	**ST**	**MT**	**LT**	**Justification for assessment**
Climate change as a key sustainability issue; Use of areas in flood zone 1 and away from sources of risk; Support for the re-use of construction or construction waste materials; Retention of the distinctive character of the landscape with any change managed positively; Requirement to carry out an Appropriate Assessment of land use plans affecting Natura 2000 sites (HRA); Scope for protecting and enhancing habitats of						
	8 Improve air quality	Protecting and enhancing biodiversity and geological resources is likely to lead to positive impacts on air quality.	+	+	+	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: No Air Quality Management Areas have been declared in the district.
	9 Reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources	Protecting and enhancing biodiversity and geological resources is likely to lead to positive impacts on effective flood risk and waterways management.	+	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: The impact of new development on flood risk will be managed through the planning application progress and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	10 Conserve and enhance biodiversity	Policy intent is to conserve and enhance the biodiversity and geological resources of the District. The Biodiversity Opportunity Map should be published as part of the evidence supporting the Local Plan.	++	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions. **Mitigation**: The Biodiversity Opportunity Map should be published alongside the plan.
	11 Safeguard geological resources including the best and most versatile agricultural land	Policy intent is to conserve and enhance the biodiversity and geological resources of the District.	++	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	12 Minimise the use of non-renewable resources	This SA Objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on non-renewable resources will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.

SA Framework		NE1 Biodiversity and Geological Resources				
Summary of Baseline Situation	**SA Objective**	**Predicted Effects**				**Assumptions and mitigation**
		Nature of Effect	**ST**	**MT**	**LT**	**Justification for assessment**
importance for nature conservation, with creation of new habitats where possible; The risk of adverse effects on historic assets; Need for better quality facilities for tourists including serviced accommodation and improved evening economy in towns.	13 Protect and enhance character of towns / villages; heritage assets and their settings	The protection of sites and habitats is likely to lead to positive effects on townscape and the character and appearance of towns and villages.	+	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	14 Protect and enhance character / appearance of landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets	Positive impact through protection of existing habitats and species. Because of their importance to the landscape of the Staffordshire Moorlands, specific natural assets such as trees, woodland and hedgerows may justify a separate planning policy to ensure their protection outside designated sites.	+	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions**. Mitigation:** The plan should include a specific policy to address the need to protect trees, woodlands and hedgerows from loss or deterioration.
	15 Encourage sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness	Protection and enhancement of biodiversity is likely to contribute towards the District's tourism attraction and help to maintain the visitor economy.	+	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Protection of biodiversity and geological resources will attract visitors and provide recreation opportunities.
Economic Need to address Meeting local employment needs to achieve self-sufficient communities;	16 Safeguard vitality of towns and sustain vibrant rural economy	This SA Objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale of effect**: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent** Permanent **Assumptions made**: Protection of biodiversity will help support the tourism industry.
	17	This SA Objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**:Permanent **Assumptions made**: Protection of biodiversity will help support the tourism industry.

SA Framework		NE1 Biodiversity and Geological Resources				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Initiatives to encourage further employment development and retention / expansion of existing businesses; Diversification of the economic base to improve employment opportunities; Safeguarding good quality employment sites from development for other uses; Provision of relevant employment skills, training and support to help retain and develop a local workforce; Maintaining the vitality and viability of the towns and protection of the towns as service centres;	Sustainable economic growth and diversification of the economy					
	18 High and stable level of employment	Overall the effect has been assessed as neutral.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**:Permanent **Assumptions made**: Protection of biodiversity will help support the tourism industry.

SA Framework		NE1 Biodiversity and Geological Resources				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Measures to encourage people to shop in the area; Enhancement of local distinctiveness; Protection of the retail function in the heart of the town centres.						
Summary of significant effects of policy: **Policy NE1 Biodiversity and Geological Resources** establishes a range of measures to protect and enhance biodiversity and geological resources. Significant positive effects on a wide range of SA objectives were identified, including for health and well-being; creating and maintaining high quality local neighbourhoods and biodiversity and geodiversity. Further positive effects are likely to arise from the contribution of habitat protection to effective flood risk and waterways management and climate change adaptation. No significant negative effects were predicted however policy improvements were identified as follows: **Mitigation:** Because of their importance to the landscape of the Staffordshire Moorlands, the plan should include a specific policy to protect trees, woodlands and hedgerows from loss or deterioration, to ensure the protection of these natural assets outside designated sites. The Biodiversity Opportunity Map should be published alongside the plan.						

Table 20.42 Assessment Table for Preferred Option Policy NE1 Biodiversity and Geological Resources

20.2.8 Transport

Preferred Option Policy T1 Development and Sustainable Transport

SA Framework		T1 Development and Sustainable Transport				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Social: Need to address: Implications of an increasingly ageing population; Meeting identified housing need, including the need for affordable homes and provision of an appropriate mix of house types and tenures; Reducing health inequalities; Opportunities to improve the health of older people through appropriate housing and	1 Community cohesion and neighbourhood quality	Promoting and supporting development that reduces reliance on the private car for travel and reduces the need to travel generally is likely to help support healthy, inclusive and sustainable communities.	+	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent:** Permanent **Assumptions made**:Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	2 Improving access to jobs, services and facilities	Ensuring that all new development is located where the highway network can satisfactorily accommodate traffic generated by the development is likely to contribute to improving access to jobs, services and facilities.	+	+	+	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	3 Improve health and reduce health inequalities	Supporting opportunities to increase walking and cycling is likely to lead to improvements in health and well-being in the long term.	+	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	4 Minimise opportunities for crime and reduce fear of crime	This SA Objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Any impacts on crime will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	5	This SA Objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Any impacts

SA Framework		T1 Development and Sustainable Transport				
Summary of Baseline Situation	**SA Objective**	**Predicted Effects**				**Assumptions and mitigation**
		Nature of Effect	**ST**	**MT**	**LT**	**Justification for assessment**
access to community facilities and services Quantity, quality and accessibility of sports and recreation facilities, including open space; Any shortfall in school places; Creation of accessible and safe public and private environments; Modal shift away from journeys by car; Measures that reduce the need to travel; Accessibility for those without a car is maintained and improved.	Ensure supply new homes to meet local needs including affordable / social / extra care					on housing supply will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	6 Reduce number of journeys made by car	Promoting and supporting development that reduces reliance on the private car for travel and reduces the need to travel generally is likely to lead to very positive effects.	++	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.

SA Framework		T1 Development and Sustainable Transport				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Environmental Need to address: Climate change as a key sustainability issue; Use of areas in flood zone 1 and away from sources of risk; Support for the re-use of construction or construction waste materials; Retention of the distinctive character of the landscape with any change managed positively; Requirement to carry out an Appropriate Assessment of land use plans affecting Natura 2000 sites (HRA);	7 Minimise contributions to climate change, consider climate change adaptation	Support for sustainable transport will help to minimise contribution to carbon emissions in the long term.	+	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	8 Improve air quality	Support for sustainable transport is likely to lead to positive impacts on air quality in the long term.	+	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: No Air Quality Management Areas have been declared in the district.
	9 Reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources	All new development will address flood risk mitigation / adaptation.	i	i	i	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: The impact of new development on flood risk will be managed through the planning application progress and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	10 Conserve and enhance biodiversity	This SA Objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on biodiversity will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	11 Safeguard geological resources including the best and most versatile agricultural land	This SA Objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on geological resources will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.

SA Framework		T1 Development and Sustainable Transport				
Summary of Baseline Situation	**SA Objective**	**Predicted Effects**				**Assumptions and mitigation**
		Nature of Effect	**ST**	**MT**	**LT**	**Justification for assessment**
Scope for protecting and enhancing habitats of importance for nature conservation, with creation of new habitats where possible; The risk of adverse effects on historic assets; Need for better quality facilities for tourists including serviced accommodation and improved evening economy in towns.	12 Minimise the use of non-renewable resources	This SA Objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on non-renewable resources will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	13 Protect and enhance character of towns / villages; heritage assets and their settings	Support for sustainable transport and reducing the need to travel is likely to lead to positive effects on townscape and the character and appearance of towns and villages.	+	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	14 Protect and enhance character / appearance of landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets	Overall it is considered that a neutral impact on landscape character is likely.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Any impacts on landscape character will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	15 Encourage sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness	Improving transport provision by a range of modes is likely to contribute towards the District's tourism attraction and help to maintain the visitor economy.	+	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Support for sustainable transport will attract visitors and provide recreation opportunities.
Economic Need to address	16 Safeguard vitality of towns and sustain vibrant rural economy	Whilst support for sustainable transport may help provide recreation opportunities, this SA Objective will principally be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale of effect**: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent** Permanent **Assumptions made**: Support for sustainable transport will help support the tourism industry and help sustain the rural economy.

SA Framework		T1 Development and Sustainable Transport				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Meeting local employment needs to achieve self-sufficient communities; Initiatives to encourage further employment development and retention / expansion of existing businesses; Diversification of the economic base to improve employment opportunities; Safeguarding good quality employment sites from development for other uses; Provision of relevant employment skills, training and support to help retain and develop a local workforce;						
	17 Sustainable economic growth and diversification of the economy	This SA Objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**:Permanent **Assumptions made**: Support for sustainable transport will help support the tourism industry and help sustain the rural economy.
	18 High and stable level of employment	Overall the effect has been assessed as neutral.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**:Permanent **Assumptions made**: Support for sustainable transport will help support the tourism industry and help sustain the rural economy.

SA Framework		T1 Development and Sustainable Transport				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Maintaining the vitality and viability of the towns and protection of the towns as service centres; Measures to encourage people to shop in the area; Enhancement of local distinctiveness; Protection of the retail function in the heart of the town centres.						
Summary of significant effects of policy: **Policy T1 Development and Sustainable Transport** supports development which reduces reliance on the private car for journeys, reduces the need to travel generally and helps to deliver more sustainable settlement patterns. Significant positive effects on a wide range of SA objectives were identified, including for health and well-being; creating and maintaining high quality local neighbourhoods; reducing the need to travel by car and increasing access to a range of services and facilities. Further positive effects are likely to arise from reducing the need to travel generally including in relation to air quality, help to support healthy, inclusive and sustainable communities and supporting the visitor economy. No significant negative effects were predicted.						

Table 20.43 Assessment Table for Preferred Option Policy T1 Development and Sustainable Transport

Preferred Option Policy T2 Other Sustainable Transport Measures

SA Framework		T2 Other Sustainable Transport Measures				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Social: Need to address: Implications of an increasingly ageing population; Meeting identified housing need, including the need for affordable homes and provision of an appropriate mix of house types and tenures; Reducing health inequalities; Opportunities to improve the health of older people through appropriate housing and access to community facilities and services;	1 Community cohesion and neighbourhood quality	Seeking to improve the existing road, bus, rail networks generally is likely to help support inclusive and sustainable communities.	+	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent:** Permanent **Assumptions made**:Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	2 Improving access to jobs, services and facilities	Seeking to improve the existing road, bus, rail networks generally is likely to help support improved access to jobs, services and facilities.	+	+	+	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	3 Improve health and reduce health inequalities	Supporting opportunities to increase walking and cycling is likely to lead to improvements in health and well-being in the long term.	+	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	4 Minimise opportunities for crime and reduce fear of crime	This SA Objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Any impacts on crime will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	5 Ensure supply new homes to meet local needs including affordable / social / extra care	This SA Objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Any impacts on housing supply will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.

SA Framework		T2 Other Sustainable Transport Measures				
Summary of Baseline Situation	**SA Objective**	**Predicted Effects**				**Assumptions and mitigation**
		Nature of Effect	**ST**	**MT**	**LT**	**Justification for assessment**
Quantity, quality and accessibility of sports and recreation facilities, including open space; Any shortfall in school places; Creation of accessible and safe public and private environments; Modal shift away from journeys by car; Measures that reduce the need to travel; Accessibility for those without a car is maintained and improved.	6 Reduce number of journeys made by car	Seeking to improve the existing bus and rail networks is likely to lead to very positive effects.	++	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
Environmental Need to address:	7 Minimise contributions to climate change, consider climate change adaptation	Support for sustainable transport will help to minimise contribution to carbon emissions in the long term.	+	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.

SA Framework		T2 Other Sustainable Transport Measures				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Climate change as a key sustainability issue; Use of areas in flood zone 1 and away from sources of risk; Support for the re-use of construction or construction waste materials; Retention of the distinctive character of the landscape with any change managed positively; Requirement to carry out an Appropriate Assessment of land use plans affecting Natura 2000 sites (HRA); Scope for protecting and enhancing habitats of importance for						
	8 Improve air quality	Support for sustainable transport is likely to lead to positive impacts on air quality in the long term.	+	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: No Air Quality Management Areas have been declared in the district.
	9 Reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources	All new development will address flood risk mitigation / adaptation.	i	i	i	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: The impact of new development on flood risk will be managed through the planning application progress and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	10 Conserve and enhance biodiversity	This SA Objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on biodiversity will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	11 Safeguard geological resources including the best and most versatile agricultural land	This SA Objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on geological resources will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	12 Minimise the use of non-renewable resources	This SA Objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on non-renewable resources will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.

SA Framework		T2 Other Sustainable Transport Measures				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
nature conservation, with creation of new habitats where possible; The risk of adverse effects on historic assets; Need for better quality facilities for tourists including serviced accommodation and improved evening economy in towns.	13 Protect and enhance character of towns / villages; heritage assets and their settings	Support for sustainable transport is likely to lead to positive effects on townscape and the character and appearance of towns and villages.	+	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	14 Protect and enhance character / appearance of landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets	Overall it is considered that a neutral impact on landscape character is likely.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Any impacts on landscape character will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	15 Encourage sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness	Improving transport provision by a range of modes is likely to contribute towards the District's tourism attraction and help to maintain the visitor economy.	+	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Support for sustainable transport will attract visitors and provide recreation opportunities.
Economic Need to address Meeting local employment needs to achieve self-sufficient communities;	16 Safeguard vitality of towns and sustain vibrant rural economy	Whilst support for sustainable transport may help increase access to recreation opportunities, this SA Objective will principally be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale of effect**: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent** Permanent **Assumptions made**: Support for sustainable transport will help support the tourism industry and help sustain the rural economy.
	17	This SA Objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**:Permanent **Assumptions made**: Support for sustainable transport will help support the tourism industry and help sustain the rural economy.

SA Framework		T2 Other Sustainable Transport Measures				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Initiatives to encourage further employment development and retention / expansion of existing businesses; Diversification of the economic base to improve employment opportunities; Safeguarding good quality employment sites from development for other uses; Provision of relevant employment skills, training and support to help retain and develop a local workforce; Maintaining the vitality and viability of the towns and protection of the towns as service centres;	Sustainable economic growth and diversification of the economy					
	18 High and stable level of employment	Overall the effect has been assessed as neutral.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**:Permanent **Assumptions made**: Support for sustainable transport will help support the tourism industry and help sustain the rural economy.

SA Framework		T2 Other Sustainable Transport Measures				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Measures to encourage people to shop in the area; Enhancement of local distinctiveness; Protection of the retail function in the heart of the town centres.						
Summary of significant effects of policy: **Policy T2 Other Sustainable Transport Measures** supports measures which promote better accessibility, creates safer roads, reduces the impact of traffic or facilitates highway improvements. Significant positive effects on a wide range of SA objectives were identified, including for health and well-being; creating and maintaining high quality local neighbourhoods; reducing the need to travel by car and increasing access to a range of services and facilities. Further positive effects are likely to arise from seeking improvements to the existing road, bus and rail networks generally, including in relation to air quality, help to support healthy, inclusive and sustainable communities and supporting the visitor economy. No significant negative effects were predicted.						

Table 20.44 Assessment Table for Preferred Option Policy T2 Other Sustainable Transport Measures

20.3 New policy proposed for July 2017

20.3 Following the findings of the SA of preferred option policies undertaken between December 2016 and February 2017, Policy NE2 Trees, Woodlands and Hedgerows was included in the Preferred Options Local Plan July 2017. The policy was appraised in January 2018 as part of the preparation of the Submission version Local Plan. The appraisal is set out below.

Preferred Option Policy NE2 Trees, Woodland and Hedgerows

SA Framework		NE2 Trees, Woodland and Hedgerows				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Social: Need to address: Implications of an increasingly ageing population; Meeting identified housing need, including the need for affordable homes and provision of an appropriate mix of house types and tenures; Reducing health inequalities; Opportunities to improve the health of older people through appropriate housing and access to community facilities and services;	1 Community cohesion and neighbourhood quality	Policy will support protection of trees, woodland and hedgerows and this is likely to make a positive contribution towards creating and maintaining high quality local neighbourhoods and supporting community cohesion through enhancing the setting of neighbourhoods.	+	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent:** Permanent **Assumptions made**:Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	2 Improving access to jobs, services and facilities	This SA Objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Any impacts on access will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	3 Improve health and reduce health inequalities	Supporting opportunities to retain existing woodlands and hedgerows is likely to contribute to well-being in the long term.	0	0	+	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	4 Minimise opportunities for crime and reduce fear of crime	This SA Objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Any impacts on crime will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	5 Ensure supply new homes to meet local needs including affordable / social / extra care	This SA Objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Any impacts on housing supply will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.

SA Framework		NE2 Trees, Woodland and Hedgerows				
Summary of Baseline Situation	**SA Objective**	**Predicted Effects**				**Assumptions and mitigation**
		Nature of Effect	**ST**	**MT**	**LT**	**Justification for assessment**
Quantity, quality and accessibility of sports and recreation facilities, including open space; Any shortfall in school places; Creation of accessible and safe public and private environments; Modal shift away from journeys by car; Measures that reduce the need to travel; Accessibility for those without a car is maintained and improved.	6 Reduce number of journeys made by car	This SA Objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on modes of transport will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.
Environmental Need to address:	7 Minimise contributions to climate change, consider climate change adaptation	Retention of trees and increasing planting can make a positive contribution to climate change adaptation.	+	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.

SA Framework		NE2 Trees, Woodland and Hedgerows				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Climate change as a key sustainability issue; Use of areas in flood zone 1 and away from sources of risk; Support for the re-use of construction or construction waste materials; Retention of the distinctive character of the landscape with any change managed positively; Requirement to carry out an Appropriate Assessment of land use plans affecting Natura 2000 sites (HRA); Scope for protecting and enhancing habitats of importance for nature						
	8 Improve air quality	Protecting trees and woodland iis likely to lead to positive impacts on air quality.	+	+	+	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: No Air Quality Management Areas have been declared in the district.
	9 Reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources	Protecting trees and woodland is likely to lead to positive impacts on effective flood risk and waterways management.	+	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: The impact of new development on flood risk will be managed through the planning application progress and using other policies in this Local Plan.
	10 Conserve and enhance biodiversity	Policy intent is to protect existing trees, woodlands and hedgerows, in particular ancient woodland, veteran trees and species-rich hedgerows.	++	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	11 Safeguard geological resources including the best and most versatile agricultural land	This SA Objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	12 Minimise the use of non-renewable resources	This SA Objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Any impacts on non-renewable resources will be managed through the planning application process and using other policies in this Local Plan.

SA Framework		NE2 Trees, Woodland and Hedgerows				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
conservation, with creation of new habitats where possible; The risk of adverse effects on historic assets; Need for better quality facilities for tourists including serviced accommodation and improved evening economy in towns.	13 Protect and enhance character of towns / villages; heritage assets and their settings	The protection of trees and woodlands is likely to lead to positive effects on townscape and the character and appearance of towns and villages.	+	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	14 Protect and enhance character / appearance of landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets	Positive impact through protection of existing trees and woodlands.	+	++	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**:Principles enforced at planning application stage will implement policy intentions.
	15 Encourage sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness	Protection of trees and woodlands is likely to contribute towards the District's tourism attraction and help to maintain the visitor economy.	+	+	++	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**: Permanent **Assumptions made**: Protection of biodiversity and geological resources will attract visitors and provide recreation opportunities.
Economic Need to address Meeting local employment needs to achieve self-sufficient communities;	16 Safeguard vitality of towns and sustain vibrant rural economy	This SA Objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale of effect**: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent** Permanent **Assumptions made**: Protection of biodiversity will help support the tourism industry.
	17	This SA Objective will be addressed through other policies in the Local Plan.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Likely **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**:Permanent **Assumptions made**: Protection of biodiversity will help support the tourism industry.

SA Framework		NE2 Trees, Woodland and Hedgerows				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Initiatives to encourage further employment development and retention / expansion of existing businesses; Diversification of the economic base to improve employment opportunities; Safeguarding good quality employment sites from development for other uses; Provision of relevant employment skills, training and support to help retain and develop a local workforce; Maintaining the vitality and viability of the towns and protection of the towns as service centres;	Sustainable economic growth and diversification of the economy					
	18 High and stable level of employment	Overall the effect has been assessed as neutral.	0	0	0	**Likelihood/certainty** of effect occurring: Uncertain **Geographical scale** of effect: Local Plan area **Temporary / Permanent**:Permanent **Assumptions made**: Protection of biodiversity will help support the tourism industry.

SA Framework		NE2 Trees, Woodland and Hedgerows				
Summary of Baseline Situation	SA Objective	Predicted Effects				Assumptions and mitigation
		Nature of Effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Measures to encourage people to shop in the area; Enhancement of local distinctiveness; Protection of the retail function in the heart of the town centres.						
Summary of significant effects of policy: **Policy NE2 Trees, Woodland and Hedgerows** establishes a range of measures to protect trees and hedgerows, in particular ancient woodland, veteran trees and ancient or species-rich hedgerows from loss or deterioration. Significant positive effects on a wide range of SA objectives were identified, including for health and well-being; creating and maintaining high quality local neighbourhoods and biodiversity. Further positive effects are likely to arise from the contribution of habitat protection to effective flood risk and waterways management and climate change adaptation. **Mitigation:** None identified.						

Table 20.45 Assessment Table for Preferred Option Policy NE2 Trees, Woodland and Hedgerows

Screening of Changes to Preferred Option Policies

21 Screening of Changes to Preferred Option Policies

21.1 Minor changes to the Preferred Option policies have been suggested for the text of most policies during preparation of the Submission version Local Plan. These amendments have in the most cases been proposed to aid clarity or to respond to a consultation response, or to take account of latest evidence and guidance.

21.2 In January 2018, proposed changes to preferred option policies were screened to identify if any changes resulted in modifying the intent or approach of a Policy such that a re-appraisal of that Policy by the SA was required.

21.3 The proposed changes to Policies are set out in the table below, along with the screening finding.

Local Plan Policy	Change Proposed	Screening finding- Likely Significant Effects identified?
Visions	• Add the following text to the end of 4th paragraph: <u>The implementation of a Playing Pitch and Built Facilities Strategy will seek to provide and enhance formal sports facilities (indoor and outdoor).</u> (Sport England) • Amend the 5th paragraph to read: The needs of all sectors..." could helpfully be amended to read "through provision of recreational, <u>sport</u> and community • facilities".(Sport England) • Add sentence to end of 5th paragraph: <u>Encouragement of physical activity and active travel throughout the District and across all age groups will improve health and wellbeing</u>. • Add <u>'sport'</u> into the visions for Leek, Biddulph, Cheadle and the Rural Areas. (Sport England) • Add 'whilst providing recreational opportunities <u>and improvements to health and wellbeing'</u> into the visions for Leek, Biddulph, Cheadle and the Rural Areas. • Add additional wording to the end of paragraph 4: 'The wealth of biological and geological resources will continue to be protected, conserved and enhanced where appropriate and net gains and improvements to biodiversity will be made.' Make reference to heritage within all the visions.	No further SA required. (Insertion of references to sport, physical activity and active travel may lead to positive benefits for health and well-being in the long term.)
Aims and objectives	Agree to amend SO7 as follows: 'To support protect, provide and enhance the tourism, cultural, sport and recreation..... ' (Sport England)	No further SA required.
Development approach	No changes proposed.	N/a

Local Plan Policy	Change Proposed	Screening finding- Likely Significant Effects identified?
SS1 - Development Principles	• Amend text to include specific reference to the Peak District National Park in recognition of its significance for the District. • Amend bullet point to refer to refer to creating opportunities to support activity and health through good design.	No further SA required.
SS1a - Presumption in Favour of Sustainable Development	No changes proposed.	N/a
SS2 - Settlement Hierarchy	No changes proposed.	N/a
SS3 - Future Provision and Distribution of Development	Amend text to confirm that the development requirements are expressed as a minimum.	No further SA required.
SS4 - Strategic Housing & Employment Land Supply	• Update the 'New Allocations' figures for Leek / Biddulph / Rural Areas to reflect new housing capacity at: 1. The Mount Leek (DSL2) (increase of 28) 2. Land north of Macclesfield Road, Leek (LE102) (increase of 5) 3. Tunstall Rd Biddulph (DSB3) (increase of 5) 4. Land at corner of Brookfield Avenue / Stoney Lane, Endon (EN128) (increase of 2) • Amend SS4 text to clarify that the housing requirements given for Neighbourhood Plan areas do not always necessitate the allocation of development sites. Instead, particularly where the housing requirement is low, general conformity with the strategic policies of the Local Plan could be demonstrated through the provision of policies in the Neighbourhood Plan that would facilitate the provision of the housing requirement through windfall. • Amend policy to clarify that neighbourhood plan requirements are net figures and provide additional information in respect of employment land provision within neighbourhood areas as requested.	No further SA required.

Local Plan Policy	Change Proposed	Screening finding- Likely Significant Effects identified?
	• Include reference in the supporting text to the Blythe Vale employment allocation being in additional to the District's requirement (Stafford BC) • Add residual employment land requirements table, as per residual housing requirements table	
SS5 - Leek Area Strategy	• Point 4, bullet 4 - include reference to active design as requested (Sport England) • Make specific reference to heritage assets in point 4 (Historic England) • Amend Part 2 bullet (3) to "*Supporting the development of the employment site allocations (as identified on the Leek and Leekbrook Policies Maps)*" in response to Wainhomes rep querying why Leekbrook is categorised as a smaller village.	No further SA required.
SS6 - Biddulph Area Strategy	• Point 4, bullet 4 - include reference to active design as requested (Sport England) • Make specific reference to heritage assets in point 4 (Historic England)	No further SA required.
SS7 - Cheadle Area Strategy	• Amend typographical error - Reference to Policy SDC2 should be deleted and replaced by Policy DSC3 • Make specific reference to historic environment and heritage assets	No further SA required.
SS8 - Larger Villages Strategy	• Make specific reference to historic environment and heritage assets	No further SA required.
SS9 - Smaller Villages Strategy	• Make specific reference to historic environment and heritage assets • SS9 (bullet 2) text to be amended to clarify that development does not have to meet a specific identified "need".	No further SA required.
SS10 – Other Rural Areas Strategy	• Amend policy to refer to need for proposals to have regard to the canal and conservation (Canal and Rivers Trust) • Amend Part 1 bullet to: "Allowing rural exceptions housing (in accordance with Policies H1 and H3)" – consequential amendment to reflect affordable housing policy. • The term 'Local Need' will be removed from Part 1 bullet point 5 to be consistent with other changes to this policy where this term has been removed. The revised bullet point would read: "*Allowing community facilities where that need cannot be met in a settlement within the hierarchy. In such*	No further SA required.

Local Plan Policy	Change Proposed	Screening finding- Likely Significant Effects identified?
	cases the development should be in a sustainable location close to an existing serviced settlement." (Rushton Parish Council) • Insert H1 part 5 d) regarding extensions in the rural area.	
SS11 - Churnet Valley Strategy	• With reference to heritage assets, re-word first sentence beginning "any development should be..." to provide clarity of intention. (Historic England)	No further SA required.
SS12 - Planning Obligations & CIL	No changes proposed	N/a
SD1 - Sustainable Use of Resources	With agreement from Natural England, adding a bullet which: • states that areas of lower quality agricultural land should be used for development in preference to Best Most Versatile agricultural land • states that development should also aim to minimise “soil disturbance” and to retain ecological connectivity as far as possible	No further SA required. Proposed changes may lead to enhanced positive effects for soil and other geological resources.
SD2 - Renewable / Low-Carbon Energy	No changes proposed	N/a
SD3 - Sustainability Measures in Development	No changes proposed	N/a
SD4 - Pollution	Following feedback from EA, UU, STW + LLFA, policy expanded to: • title references “water quality” not just pollution • require developers to have regard to the actions and objectives of all relevant Catchment Flood Management Plans in striving to protect and improve the quality of relevant water bodies [i.e. the Water Framework Directive] • require development within Groundwater Source Protection Zones (SPZs) to demonstrate how site layout has sought to mitigate potential pollution to public water supply. A quantitative and qualitative risk assessment and groundwater protection mitigation strategy may be required.	No further SA required. Proposed changes may lead to enhanced positive effects for flood risk and water quality.
SD5 - Flood Risk	Following feedback from EA, UU, STW +LLFA, policy **substantially amended** (expanded) to:	No further SA required.

Local Plan Policy	Change Proposed	Screening finding- Likely Significant Effects identified?
	• require for any site, the developer to demonstrate how the site layout locates the most vulnerable parts of the development in the areas of lowest flood risk • Where a watercourse is present on a development site, applicants will be expected to take opportunities to undertake river restoration and enhance natural river corridors (WFD); and the Council will encourage and promote implementation of natural flood risk management measures • The culverting of any watercourse will not normally be permitted, and development should wherever possible remove any existing culverts • In all cases applicants to demonstrate how their proposals **manage surface water run-off** sustainably (according to hierarchy). Approved development proposals will be expected to be supplemented by appropriate maintenance and management regimes On larger sites involving phased development and/or involving multiple landowners the Council will encourage coordinated, holistic drainage strategies across the whole site over time • In all cases the Council will work with developers stakeholders and landowners to encourage and promote implementation of natural flood management measures which will contribute to flood risk reduction	Proposed changes may lead to enhanced positive effects for flood risk and water quality.
E1 - New Employment Development	• Existing reference to giving priority to commercial re-use of rural buildings over residential use, to be removed, to more closely align with NPPF; but retain support for commercial conversion • Amendment to clarify that policy in relation to new development outside development boundaries, means new-build development (i.e. as building conversions have separate reference in policy)	No further SA required.
E2 - Employment Allocations	Following Wainhomes rep etc: • Employment allocation LEEK EM2 to also be included in table 8.1 'Leek (including Leekbrook)' • Also identify proposed mixed use allocation Waterhouses WA004 by inserting new table 8.4 for rural areas, and make consequential amendments to policy text	No further SA required.

Local Plan Policy	Change Proposed	Screening finding- Likely Significant Effects identified?
	• Clarification of WA004 employment area site size in table 8.4 • Amend WA004 site description to "land at Waterhouses Enterprise Centre" • Be consistent throughout policy in identifying sites as 'mixed use' Amend the size of the employment part of BD117 from 4.74 to 4.99 to reflect larger site size.	
E3 - Existing Employment Areas, Premises and Allocations	No changes proposed	N/a
E4 - Tourism and Cultural Development	Policy significantly re-written to: • Remove requirement to demonstrate tourism need, or benefits to economy • Put "cultural" development on the same par with tourist development • Removal of limitation for new-build tourism to be conversions only	No further SA required.
H1 - New Housing	• Part 3a) Add reference to the SHMA or successor document (Agent/s) • Part 3a) Remove reference that it should 'meet a genuine and proven housing need and demand'. (SCC and Agent) • Part 3d) Add that this will determined on case-by-case basis (Agent/s) • Part 4b) Add 'and character' (DM Meeting) • Part 4b) Amend 'add' to' extend' (DM Meeting) • Part 4c) Delete bullet 1 as this is covered elsewhere in Plan (Agent) • Part 4c) Delete bullet 2 – as above (Internal change) • Part 4c) Move bullet 3 regarding Green Belt to the end of the Policy (Agent/s) • Part 5d) Extensions – moved to Policy SS10 (DM Meeting) • Part 5e) Conversions – remove 'non-residential' (Agent/s) • Part 5f) Addition of 'previously developed land' bullet (Agent/s) • Part 5g) Addition of 'subdivision' bullet (Agent/s)	No further SA required.

Local Plan Policy	Change Proposed	Screening finding- Likely Significant Effects identified?
	• Policy H1 to be amended to provide in principle support for the sub-division of rural dwellings provided they are not in isolated locations. (Agent) • Move reference to Green Belt to end of Policy (Agent/s) • Refer to 'green/active travel' (Sport England)	
H2 - Housing Allocations	• In the case of allocations comprised of multiple SHLAA sites, add housing capacity for each SHLAA site. • Policy DSB1 row in table to list "BDNEW" site, and also specify that the area on the *east* of the bypass (BD104, BD016) is also included in allocation • Update the 'The number of dwellings' column figures for Leek/Biddulph/ Rural Areas tables to reflect new housing capacity at: The Mount Leek (DSL2) [increase in LE140 &LE128 yields] Land north of Macclesfield Road, Leek (LE102) Tunstall Rd Biddulph (DSB3) Land at corner of Brookfield Avenue / Stoney Lane, Endon (EN128). • Amend WA004 site description in rural table to "land at Waterhouses Enterprise Centre" • Amend Werrington site policy in rural table to 'DSR 4' (not DSR 2)	No further SA required.
H3 - Affordable Housing	No amendments proposed	N/a
H4 - Gypsy and Traveller Sites and Sites for Travelling Showpeople	Following reps by NFGLG and Historic England, amend policy: • **Remove** "*in order to meet the identified needs of the District*" from first para, because the criteria would be used to assess applications irrespective of whether "need" has been identified (to accord with PPTS); • Split the bullet for natural- and heritage considerations into two, as the NPPF tests are different:	No further SA required. Proposed changes may lead to enhanced positive effects for heritage assets.

Local Plan Policy	Change Proposed	Screening finding- Likely Significant Effects identified?
	• the word "significantly" added to natural bullet to explain that natural value must not be "significantly harmed"; • and a new bullet for heritage explaining that heritage harm would need to be justified against NPPF policy	
TCR1 - Development in the Town Centres	No amendments proposed	N/a
TCR2 - Primary Shopping Frontages	No amendments proposed	N/a
TCR3 - Retailing and other town centre uses outside town centres	No amendments proposed	N/a
DC1 - Design considerations	• Point 3 – Replace 'Active Design' with capital letters as it is the name of a specific piece of guidance. (Sport England) • Amend Point 3 to read 'create …. attractive, **active**, functional .'..' (Sport England) • Amend Point 5 to read 'creation of healthy **active** environments'. (Sport England) • Add 'height' into part 2 of the policy (Historic England) • New bullet 11 – (New residential and commercial development should) "*be served by high speed broadband (>30mbps) unless it can be demonstrated through consultation with Next Generation Access Network providers that this would not be possible, practical or economically viable. In all circumstances during construction of the site sufficient and suitable ducting should be provided within the site and to the property to facilitate ease of installation at a future date*." (Staffordshire County Council)	No further SA required. Proposed changes may lead to enhanced positive effects for reducing the need to travel as access to services online and working from home should be made easier in the long term.)
DC2 - The Historic Environment	All the amendments below made to address comments from Historic England: • Delete first paragraph and replace with the following wording: "*The Council will conserve and where possible enhance heritage assets in a manner appropriate to their significance. This will take into account the desirability of maintaining and enhancing their significance and will ensure that development proposals contribute positively*	No further SA required. Proposed changes may lead to enhanced positive effects for heritage assets.

Local Plan Policy	Change Proposed	Screening finding- Likely Significant Effects identified?
	to the character of the built and historic environment." • Include new second paragraph to read: "*Particular protection will be given to designated heritage assets and their settings using NPPF policy*". • Include a new third paragraph to read: "*Applications directly or indirectly affecting non-designated heritage assets will be informed by the scale of any harm or loss and the significance of the heritage asset*." • Include a re-written fourth paragraph to read: "*All applications affecting designated heritage assets and applications likely to lead to significant harm on non-designated heritage assets will require the submission of a heritage statement. Where development affects archaeology, both designated and undesignated, the Council requires reference to the Historic Environment Record and (as appropriate) desk based assessment, field surveys and trench evaluation by a qualified professional*." • Include a new fifth paragraph to read: "*Where the loss of significance is unavoidable, recording should take place and this should be added to the Historic Environment Record, held by Staffordshire County Council*. " • Include a new sixth paragraph to read:" *Development proposals which would result in the reuse of buildings at risk in line with NPPF policy will be welcomed by the Council*. • Number the paragraphs to the policy for easy reference (for consistency and ease of use)	
DC3 -Landscape & Settlement Setting	• New bullet 4 "*Supporting identification and implementation of natural flood management measures that will contribute towards delivering a reduction in local and catchment-wide flood risk and impacts of climate change and other multiple benefits*". (Environment Agency) (NB existing bullet 4 retained - becomes 5; and 5 becomes 6).	No further SA required. Proposed changes may lead to enhanced positive effects for flood risk and water quality.
DC4 - Local Green Space	No amendments proposed	N/a
C1 - Community Facilities	Add bullet which supports proposals encouraging use of electrical battery powered vehicles. (Resident/Agent)	No further SA required.

Local Plan Policy	Change Proposed	Screening finding- Likely Significant Effects identified?
		Proposed changes may lead to enhanced positive effects for climate change.
C2 - Sport, Recreation an Open Space	• Reference Indoor Sports. (Sport England) • Reference updated Open Space Study, Playing Pitch Strategy and Indoor Sports Facility Assessment. (Sport England) • Take out reference to minimum standards (Sport England) • Add part 1c) to reflect wording of NPPF i.e. *any loss of provision would be replaced by equivalent or better provision in terms of quantity and quality in a suitable location*. (Sport England) • Part 3 add reference to the ' creation of artificial grass pitches'. (Sport England) • Part 3 add '*do not have an unacceptable impact on existing neighbours*'. (Sport England) • Add sentence to state that '*The Council will encourage securing community access to schools to maximise the use of existing sports provision outside of the school day and the co-location of community infrastructure wherever possible*.' (Sport England)	No further SA required. Proposed changes may lead to enhanced positive effects for health and well-being.
C3 - Green Infrastructure	No amendments proposed	N/a
NE1 - Biodiversity & Geological Resources	Natural England rep suggested amended 5th bullet to more closely align with NPPF. Following internal discussion of Natural England wording, and taking on board all comments, 1st para, and 5th bullet amended as follows: **Biodiversity and Geological Resources** *The biodiversity and geological resources of the District and neighbouring areas will be conserved and enhanced by positive management and strict control of development (and having regard to Council relevant ecological evidence) by:* • *5. Ensuring all development seeks to deliver a net gain in biodiversity proportionate to the size and scale of the development. In circumstances where adverse impacts are demonstrated to be unavoidable, developers will be required to ensure*	No further SA required. Proposed changes may lead to enhanced positive effects for biodiversity and natural assets.

Local Plan Policy	Change Proposed	Screening finding- Likely Significant Effects identified?
	that impacts are appropriately mitigated, with suitable compensation measures towards loss of habitat used only as a last resort where there is no alternative. Where any mitigation and compensation measures are required, they should be appropriately scheduled and managed according to the nature, size and scale of the development so as to minimise impacts that may disturb protected or important habitats and species." • And other consequential amendments to policy The above amendments: • remove reference to geodiversity gain; • amend 'Council evidence' to 'evidence' • makes allowance for scheme scale (ie might be impractical to expect biodiverity gain/mitigation/compensation in very small schemes) • use of 'appropriate', 'suitable' as caveats • the last sentence responds to the issue of whether on-site compensation should be planted first, and to prevent its damage during development.	
NE2 - Trees, Woodlands & Hedgerows	Following internal comments; Policy to be amended: • Changing the protection of "mature" trees, to "healthy" ones, as young trees should be protected too • Replacement of 2:1 tree replacement concept with a more generalised "increase canopy cover" requirement • Insertion of "*Where it is not possible to secure this new or replacement tree planting within the site, the Council will work with applicants to ascertain if a suitable site(s) can be found off-site for replacement planting in the locality*" regarding replacement of lost tree cover.	This Policy was included as a result of the findings of the SA of preferred option policies. An appraisal assessment of the policy as included in the July 2017 Local Plan is provided below. No further SA required of proposed changes for the submission version. Proposed changes may lead to enhanced positive

Local Plan Policy	Change Proposed	Screening finding- Likely Significant Effects identified?
		effects for biodiversity and natural assets.
T1 -Development and Sustainable Transport	Following SCC Highways response: • Reference to "Local Transport Plan" changed to "Integrated Transport Strategy" in 1st para • Add new bullet under development requirements to reference contributions for junction improvements, traffic management and highway infrastructure • Under part (4) facilitating walking and cycling, additional text that applicants should also consider how their schemes can enhance the existing path network in line with the Staffordshire County Council Rights of Way Improvement Plan and also give consideration to the protection of non-definitive public footpath routes, not just definitive routes. [SCC also request reference to "school transport provision" under development requirements for public transport]	No further SA required.
T2 - Other Sustainable Transport Measures	Following SCC Highways response: • Reference to "Local Transport Plan" removed • Part 1 (new road schemes) removed [as it promotes unidentified new roads and strategic infrastructure improvements that are not supported by evidence and hence are not required to deliver the Local Plan] • to broaden scope of Part (5) support for access routes 'to 'public transport' rather than just interchanges.	No further SA required. Proposed changes may lead to enhanced positive effects for reducing the number of journeys made by car.
ALL STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT SITE POLICIES	• Add reference to landscape & visual impact mitigation measures and assessments where appropriate. • Add reference to surveys & actions recommended by various ecological surveys & measures for protection & enhancement as appropriate. • to include an additional bullet point stating "address priorities and actions identified in the Council's Green Infrastructure Strategy" (all site policies except DSB2)	No further SA required. Proposed changes may lead to enhanced positive effects for a range of SA objectives.

Local Plan Policy	Change Proposed	Screening finding- Likely Significant Effects identified?
	• textual consistencies (refer to "Policy H3" ; refer to "Green Infrastructure Strategy" etc) • all applicable site policies which contain generic contributions bullet to be amended as follows: "*make appropriate contributions towards infrastructure, public open space, education, services and other community needs <u>including sports facilities</u>, as required*" following a Sport England rep requiring schemes to ensure contributions sports facilities are provided.	
DSL1 – Land at Horsecroft Farm	SCC advise "There will need to be discussion between the Education Authority, school, landowner and the District Council going forward to agree [educational] requirements and update policy accordingly in the Plan." Discussions about site layout and amount of land required for education on this mixed use site, are still ongoing. There may therefore be a need to update the part of the policy covering educational contributions in future….	N/a
DSL2 – Land at The Mount	Policy to refer to higher housing yield, and decreased area required for First School, because: • SCC rep clarifies that smaller land take required for First School, increasing LE140 housing capacity; and • Recalculated yield across wider LE128 to same density as LE128A. See also Policies H2, SS4.	No further SA required.
DSL3 – Newton House	Following rep from Sport England that tennis courts on site not acknowledged, amend first bullet to the "standard" contributions bullet to: "*make appropriate contributions towards infrastructure, public open space, education, services and other community needs <u>including sports facilities</u>, as required*;"	No further SA required.
DSL4 – Cornhill East	Amendment to bullet 1 "*provide for any transport infrastructure improvements having regard to the Churnet Valley Masterplan;<u>and demonstrate acceptable access arrangement to the site which must not be directly served off Sandon Street</u>*" following SCC response concerning access arrangements.	No further SA required.

Local Plan Policy	Change Proposed	Screening finding- Likely Significant Effects identified?
DSB1 – Wharf Road	• Add a new second bullet to read: "creation of a new settlement edge along the south-western boundary of the part of the site on the west side of the Biddulph Valley Way to prevent urban sprawl over the longer term". (public comment to reflect evidence in Green Belt Review) • Amend bullet 8 regarding ecology to read: "Surveys and actions recommended by the Extended Phase 1 Habitat Survey and Local Wildlife Assessment and include measures for protection and enhancement of site biodiversity and protection of any geodiversity as well as avoiding negative impacts on the nearby Biodiversity Alert Site." (Natural England)	No further SA required. Proposed changes may lead to enhanced positive effects for biodiversity and landscape / townscape character.
DSB2 – Biddulph Mills	No amendments proposed (aside from any standardised responses referred to above).	N/a
DSB3 – Tunstall Road	Include the properties opposite the junction with Victoria Business Park within the allocation to provide better junction arrangements (they are currently excluded). (Staffordshire County Council) Policy to refer to higher housing yield; and proposals map to be amended accordingly. See also Policies H2, SS4.	No further SA required.
DSC1 – Cheadle North	• Amend policy to state that the new County Primary School and community playing pitches will amount to approximately 2ha. (SCC) • Amend bullet 3 regarding landscaping to read: "*Provision of a landscaping plan including submission of landscape and visual impact assessments to address recommendations set out in the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study*." (SCC) • Add bullet to read: *A detailed assessment of the significance of the heritage asset and how it may be affected, in addition to mitigation measures set out in the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study* (Heritage England) • Amend final bullet to say that '*Public footpaths crossing the site will need to be retained and….*' (Resident) • Policy DSC1 8th bullet to be amended to read : A site specific flood risk assessment which should determine the level of risk from river flooding as well as the management of surface water taking	No further SA required. Proposed changes may lead to enhanced positive effects for health and well-being.

Local Plan Policy	Change Proposed	Screening finding- Likely Significant Effects identified?
	account of climate change and early discussions with the Lead Local Flood Authority (EA)	
DSC2 – Cecilly Brook	• Amend bullet regarding landscaping to read: "*Provision of a landscaping plan including submission of landscape and visual impact assessments to address recommendations set out in the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study*." (SCC) • Add bullet to read: *A detailed assessment of the significance of the heritage asset and how it may be affected, in addition to mitigation measures set out in the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study* (Heritage England) • Add to 6th bullet to state that '*The FRA should determine the risk of flooding from both watercourses. It should be ensured that the development does not encroach into the floodplain area and that at least 8m undeveloped easement/buffer strip is maintained adjacent to Cecilly Brook*' (Environment Agency)	No further SA required. Proposed changes may lead to enhanced positive effects for green infrastructure and heritage assets.
DSC3 – Mobberley Farm	• Amend 2nd bullet to state that '*Construction of development access roads along the safeguarded route for a potential future link road of a sufficient design standard to facilitate a link road*'. (SCC) • Amend bullet regarding landscaping to read: "*Provision of a landscaping plan including submission of landscape and visual impact assessments to address recommendations set out in the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study*." (SCC) • Add bullet to read: *A detailed assessment of the significance of the heritage asset and how it may be affected, in addition to mitigation measures set out in the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study* (Heritage England) • Add to 8th bullet '*The FRA should determine the level of flood risk. It should be ensured that the development does not encroach into the floodplain and that at least 8m undeveloped easement/buffer strip is maintained adjacent to the river*.' (Environment Agency)	No further SA required. Proposed changes may lead to enhanced positive effects for green infrastructure and heritage assets.
DSC4 – Land north of New Haden Road	Following EA request, wording to be amended to refer to need to submit FRA, and requirement for early discussion with EA and Lead Local Flood Authority	No further SA required.

Local Plan Policy	Change Proposed	Screening finding- Likely Significant Effects identified?
DSR1 – Blythe Vale	• Amend 3rd bullet to state Transport Assessment "*to include an analysis of the site and it's traffic impacts on the surrounding road network including the A50 and potential mitigation measures, and early engagement with the Highways England*" (Highways England / Stafford Borough Council). • Amend 7th bullet to include reference to early engagement with the Environment Agency and Network Rail (Environment Agency) • Amend 9th bullet "*to include the provision of suitable crossing facilities to enable access on foot and bicycle to the existing schools in Blythe Bridge*" (Staffordshire County Council)	No further SA required. Proposed changes may lead to enhanced positive effects for reducing the number of journeys made by car.
DSR2 – Brooklands Way, Leekbrook	Following EA request, wording to be amended to refer to need to submit FRA, and requirement for early discussion with EA and Lead Local Flood Authority	No further SA required.
DSR3 – Basford Lane, Leekbrook	Following EA request, wording to be amended to refer to need to submit FRA, and requirement for early discussion with EA and Lead Local Flood Authority	No further SA required.
DSR4 – Ash Bank Road	No amendments proposed (aside from any standardised responses referred to above).	N/a
Appendix 7 Housing Trajectory	Changes to site yields referenced under Policies H2 & SS4, to be incorporated into trajectory.	N/a
Appendix 8 Parking Standards	Sentence at end of first paragraph to Appendix 8 Parking Standards to be added following SCC Highways re": "...*on a case by case basis. Note in the case of garage parking, minimum internal dimensions of the garage must be 3m x 6m*:	No further SA required.
Appendix 10 Local Green Spaces	Additional descriptive text to be added next to site 21(Cecilly Brook Corridor) following queries regarding its extent.	N/a

Table 21.1 Screening of changes proposed to Preferred Option Policies

Policy NE2 - Trees, Woodland and Hedgerows

21.4 This policy was inserted into the Preferred Options Local Plan following the SA of Preferred Option Policies and was not originally assessed. The summary below summarises the findings of the assessment of the policy as worded in the Preferred Options Local Plan (July 2017). The full appraisal is documented in section 20.3. The table above shows an assessment of the changes made to the policy in the Submission Version Local Plan (February 2018).

21.5 Policy NE2 Trees, Woodland and Hedgerows establishes a range of measures to protect trees and hedgerows, in particular ancient woodland, veteran trees and ancient or species-rich hedgerows from loss or deterioration. Significant positive effects on a wide range of SA objectives were identified, including for health and well-being; creating and

maintaining high quality local neighbourhoods and biodiversity. Further positive effects are likely to arise from the contribution of habitat protection to effective flood risk and waterways management and climate change adaptation.

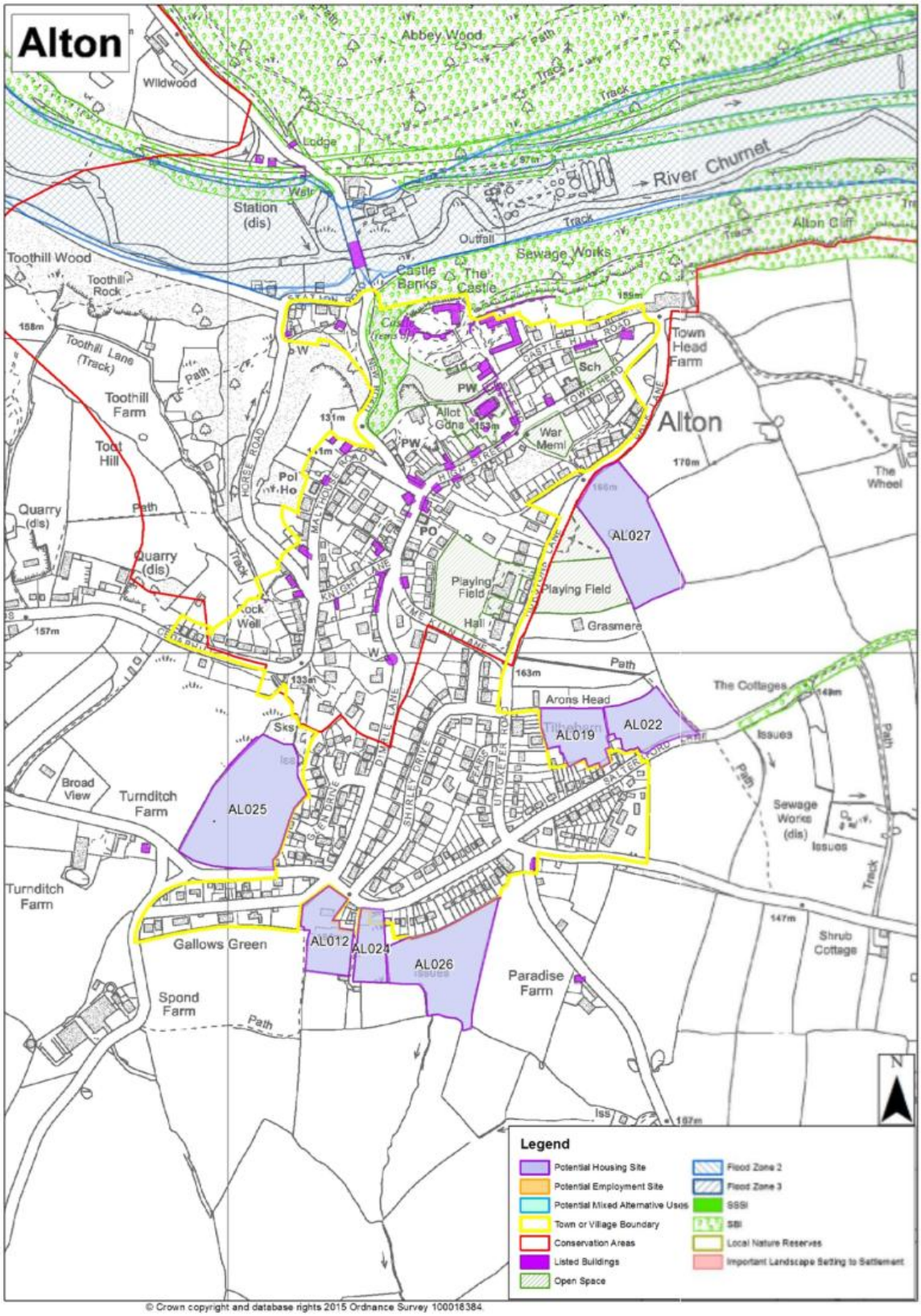
Conclusion

21.6 The screening of changes proposed to Preferred Options Policies undertaken to help inform preparation of the Submission version Local Plan (February 2018) has not identified a requirement for further SA. In a number of cases, proposed changes are expected to lead to enhanced positive effects for a number of SA Objectives.

Site Appraisals - Constraints maps

22 Site Appraisals - Constraints maps

22.1 This section includes a series of maps illustrating the location of site options and planning constraints.



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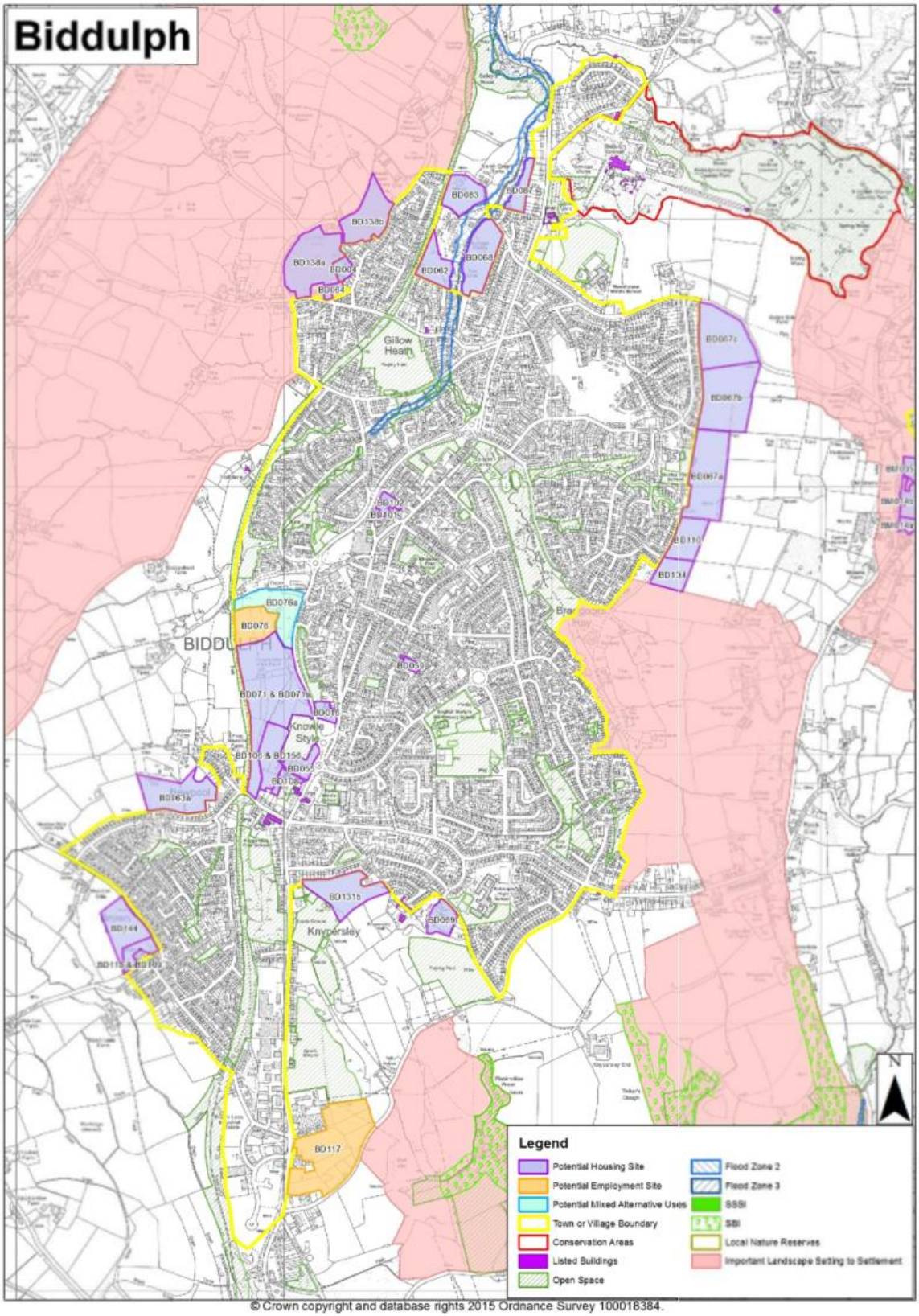

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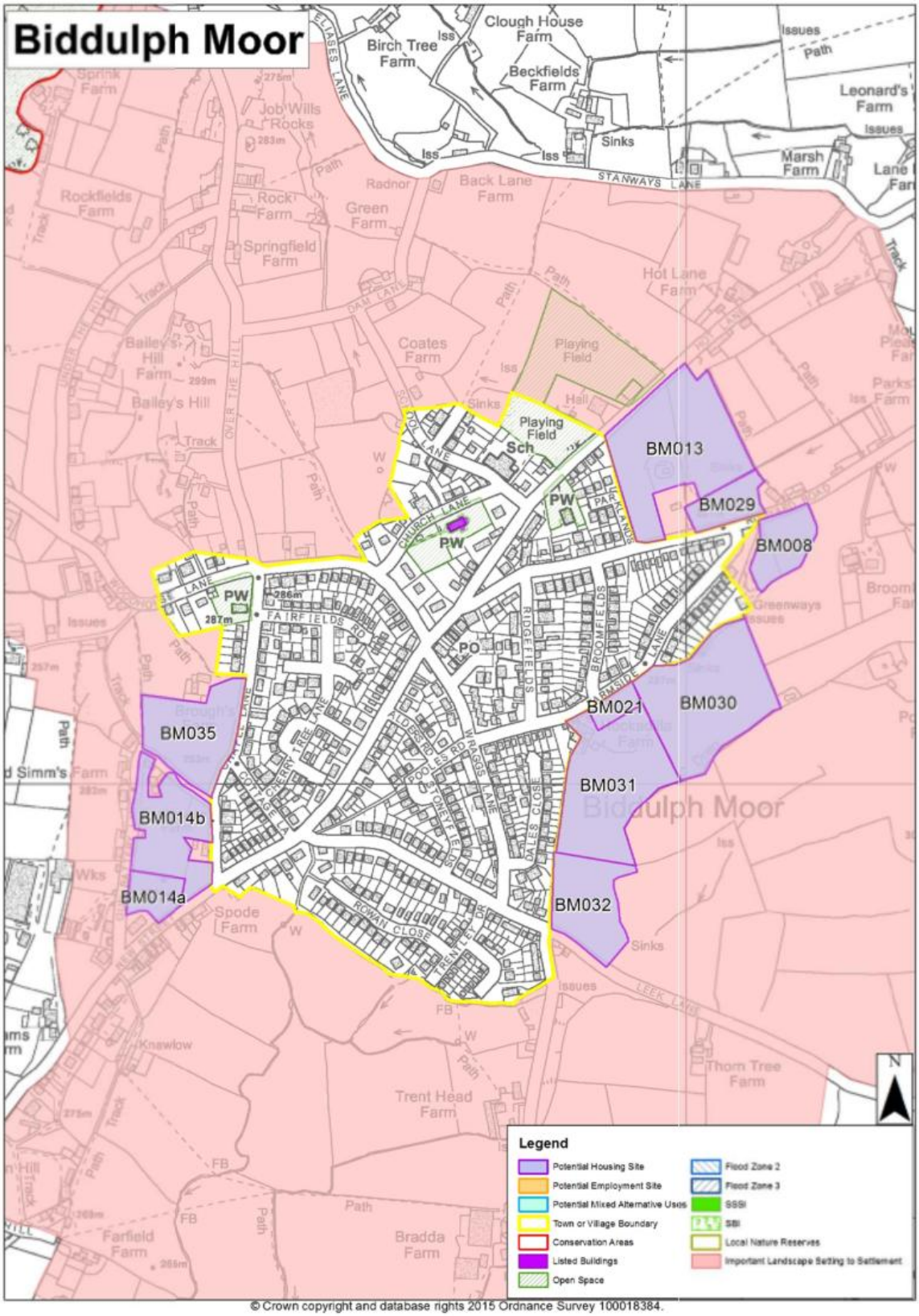

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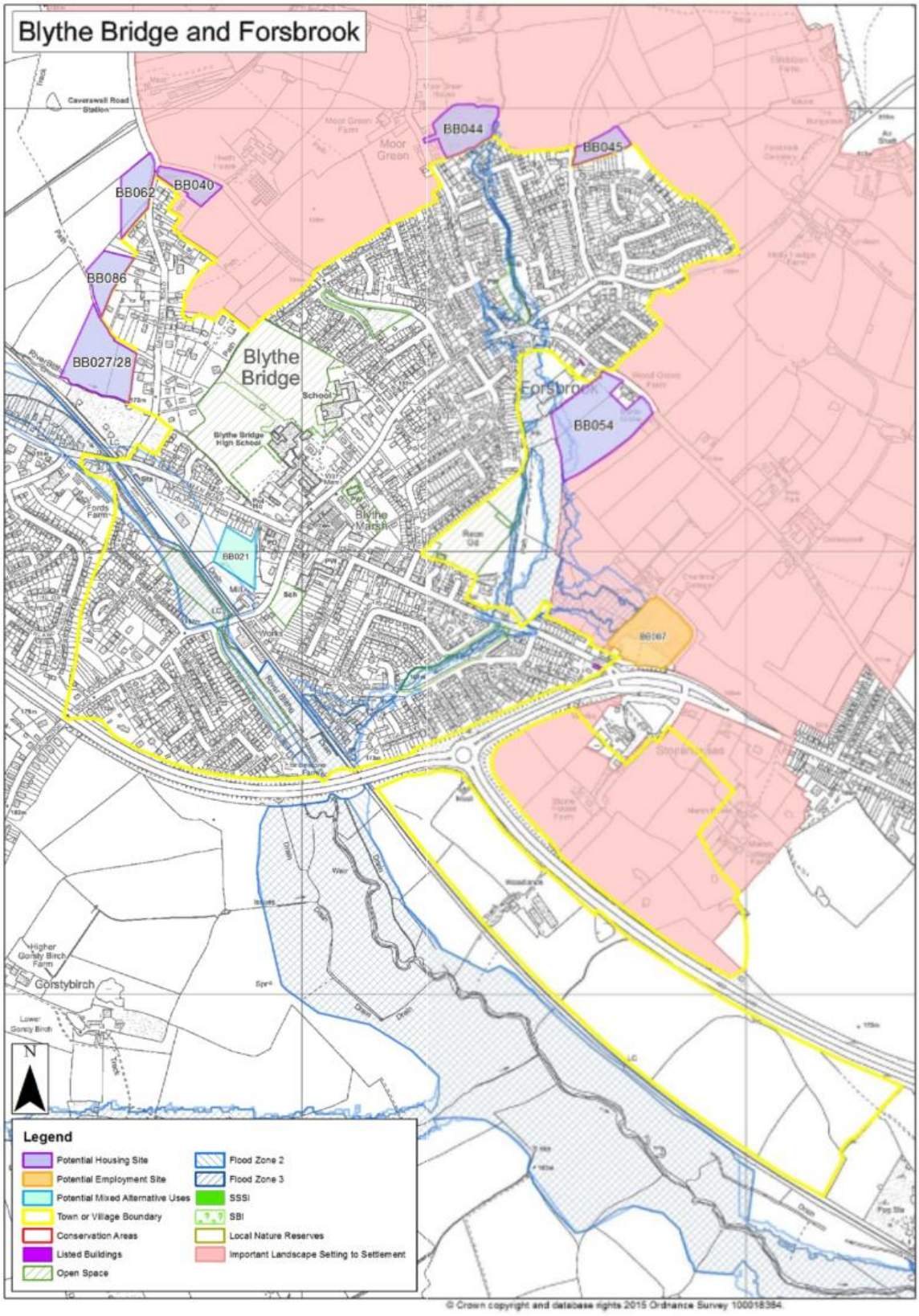

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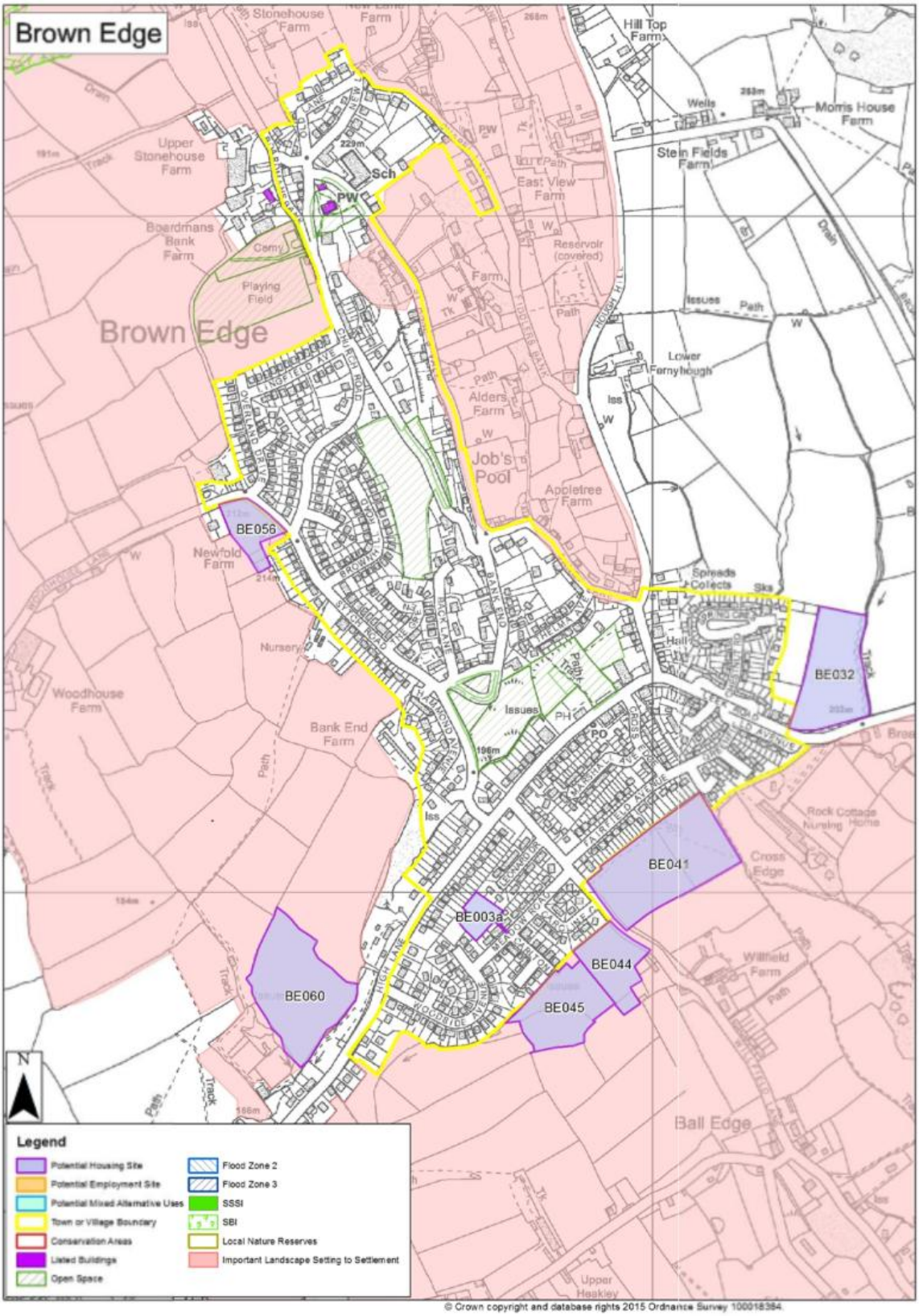

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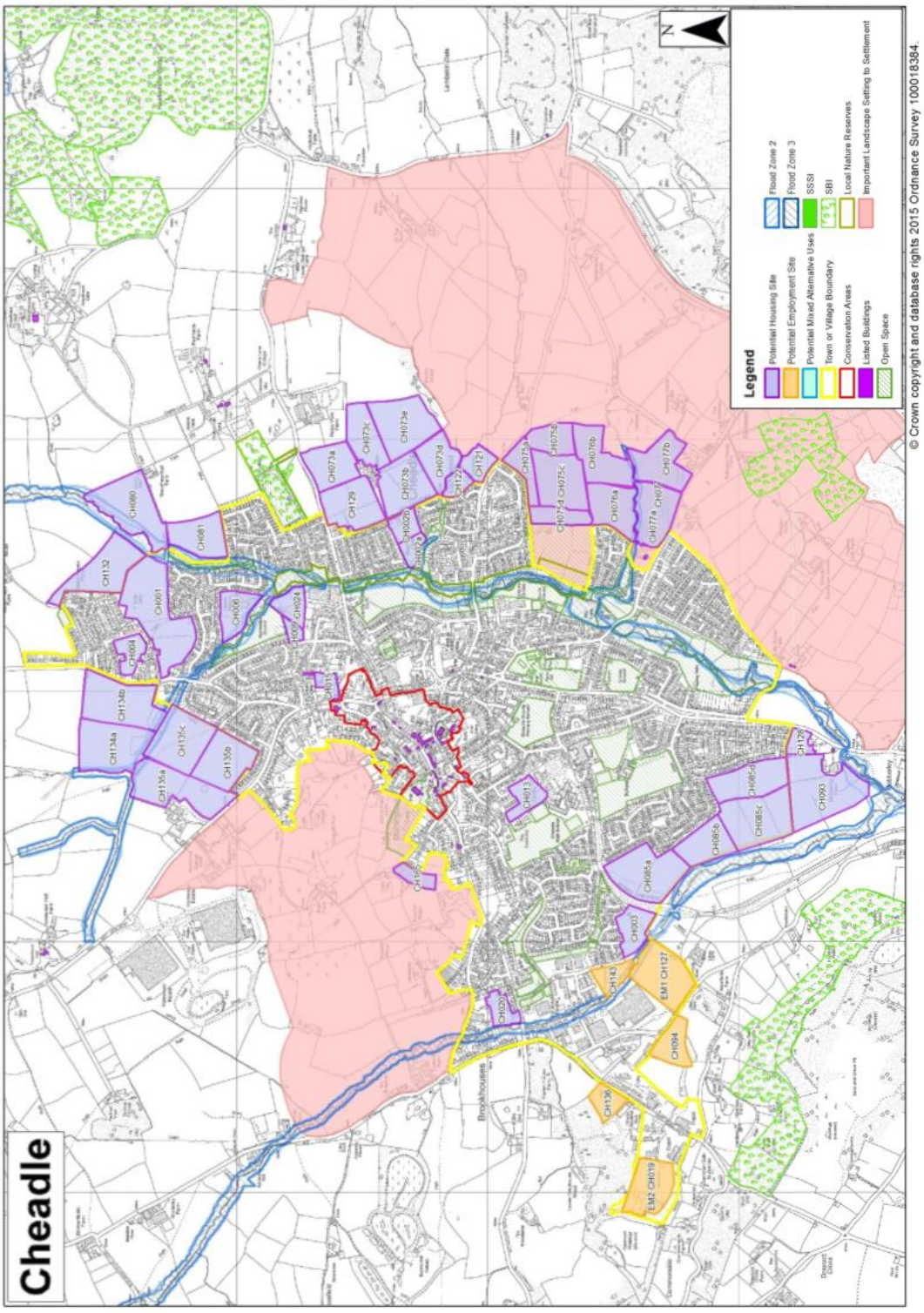

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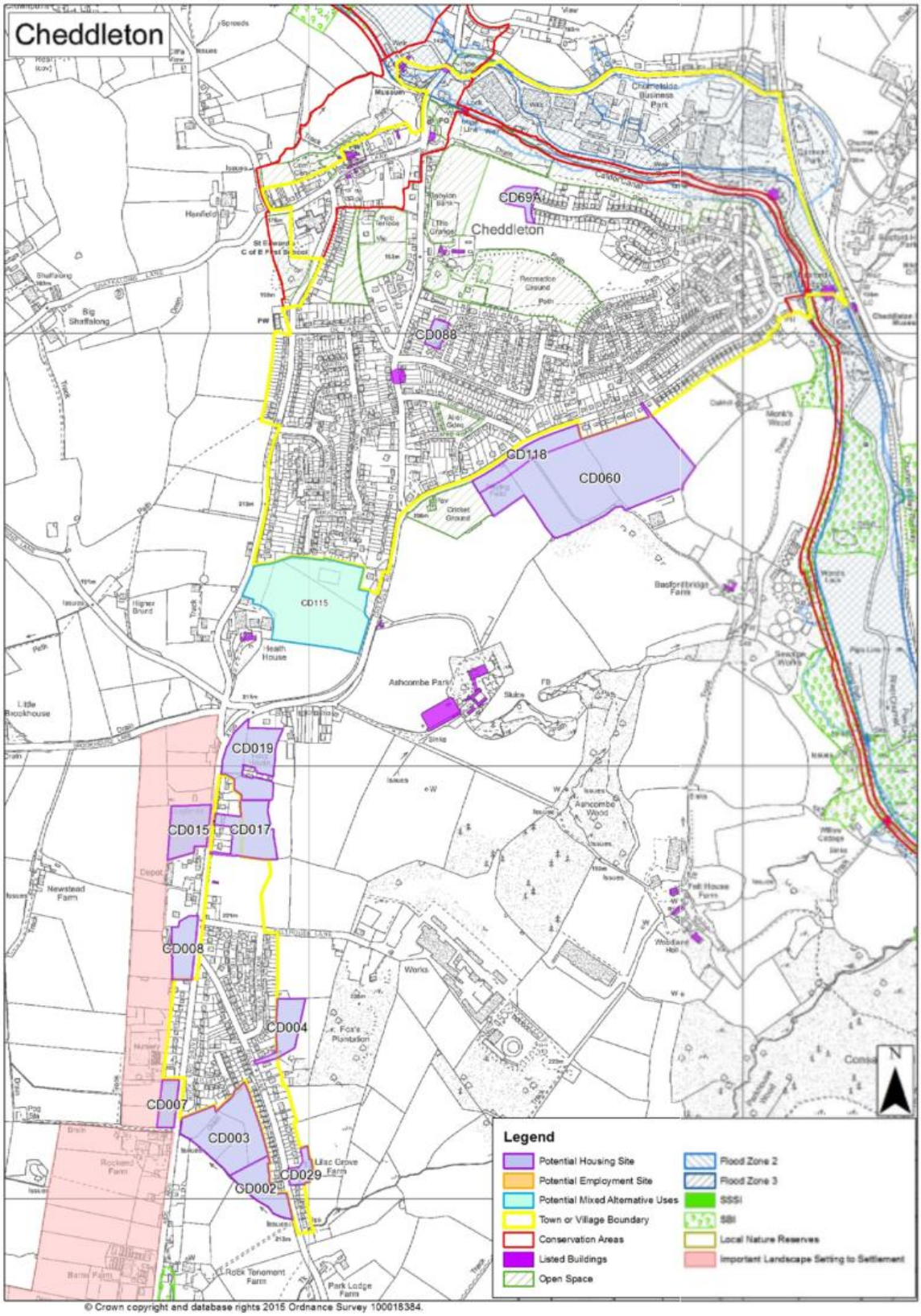

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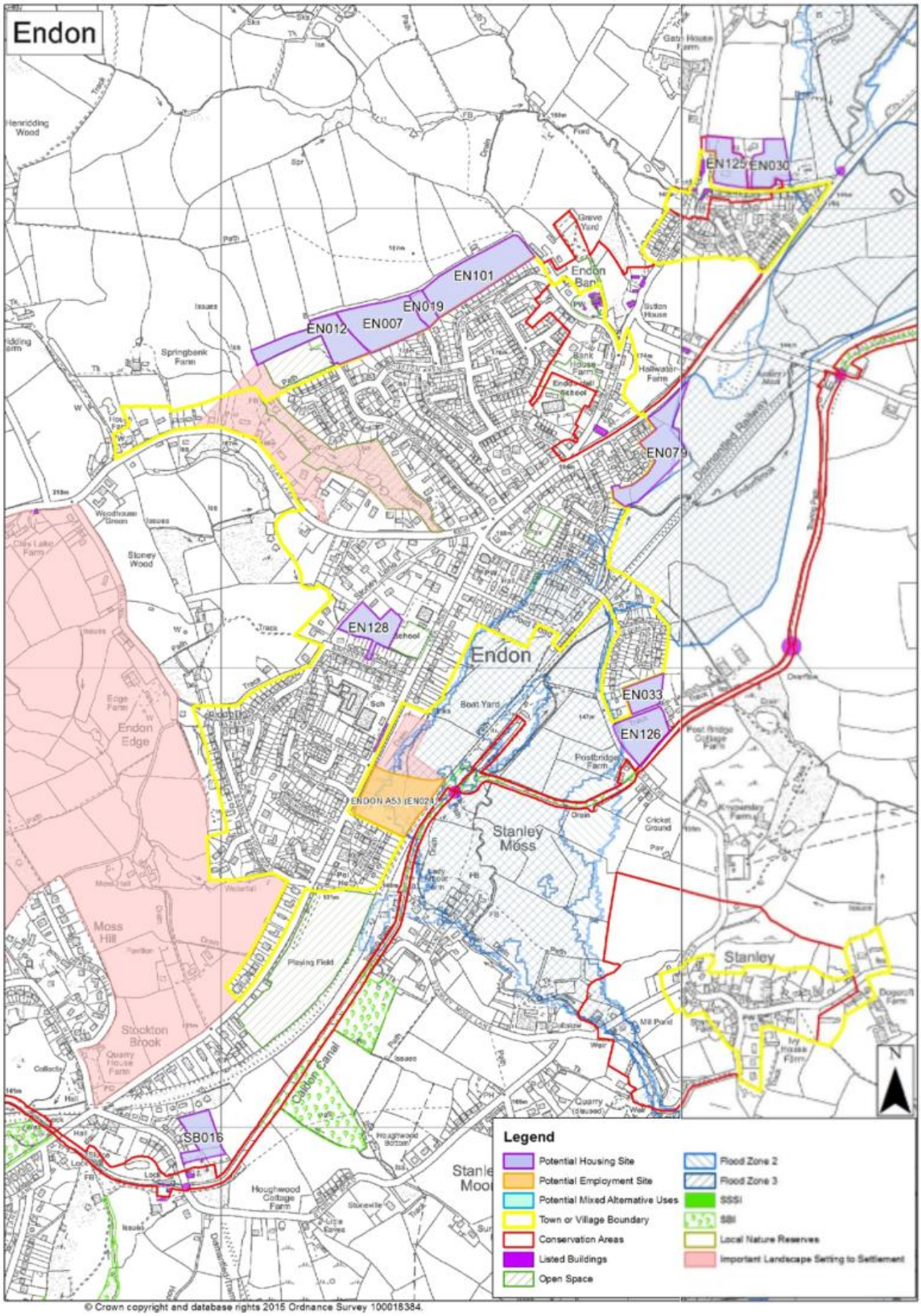

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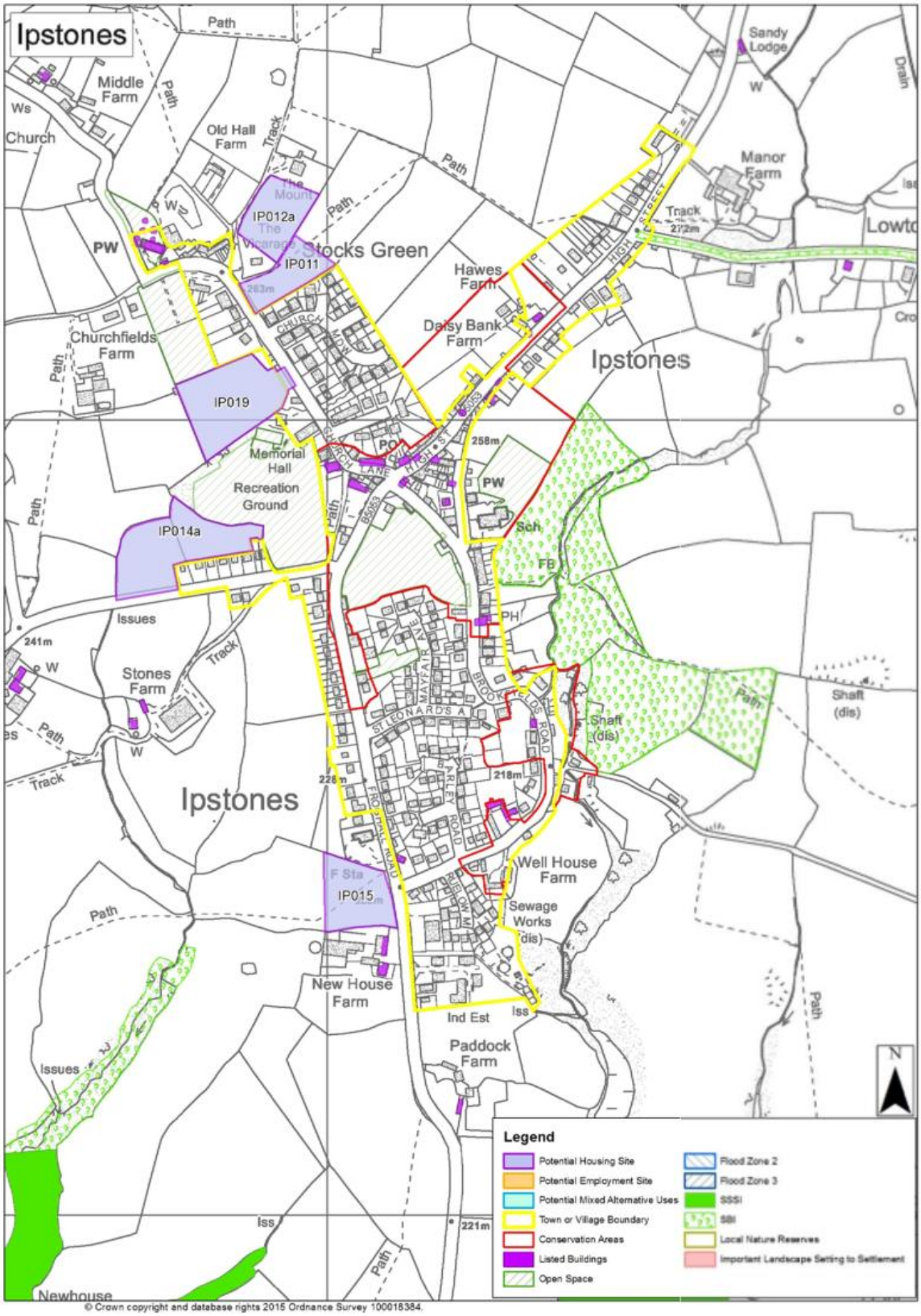

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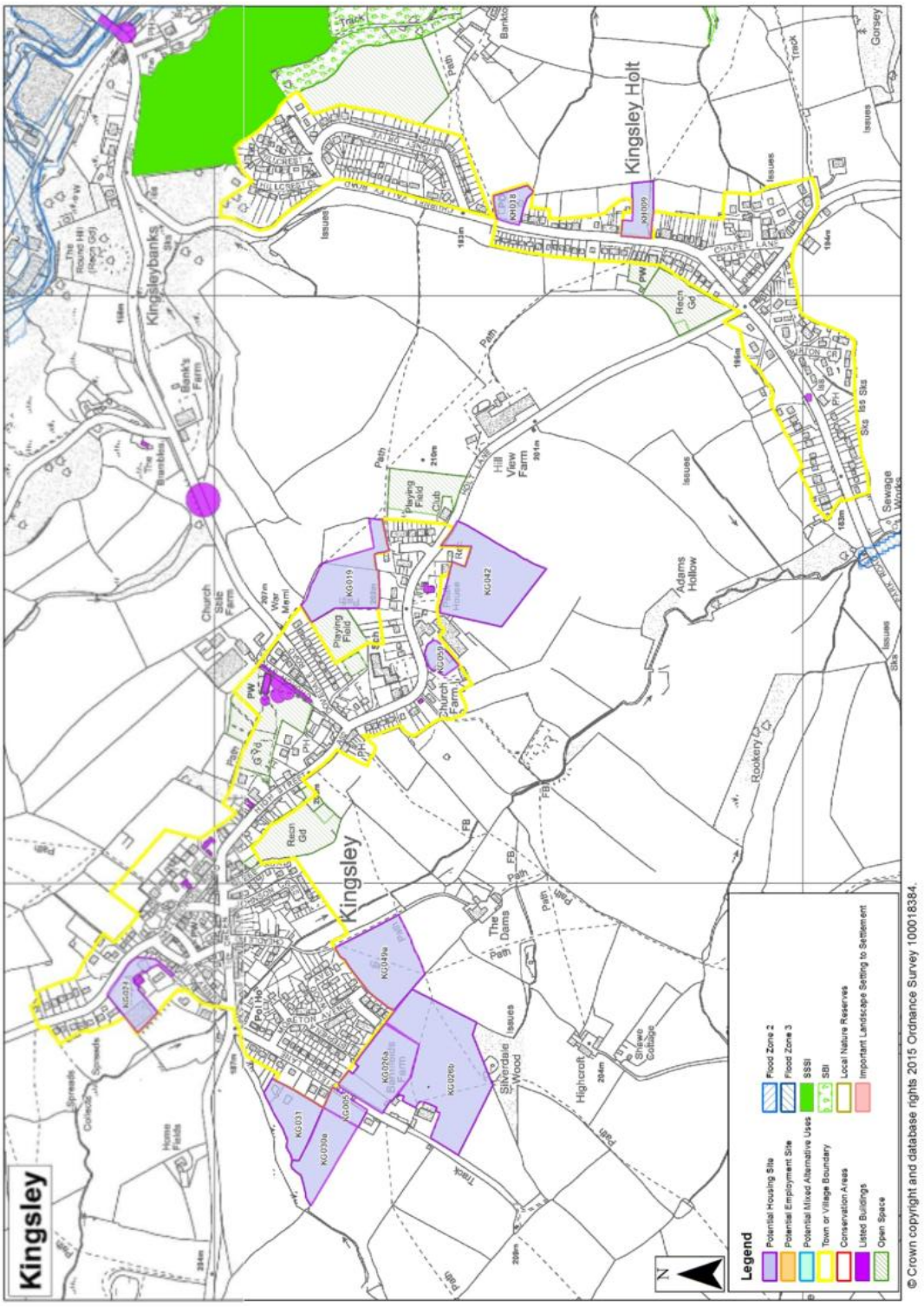

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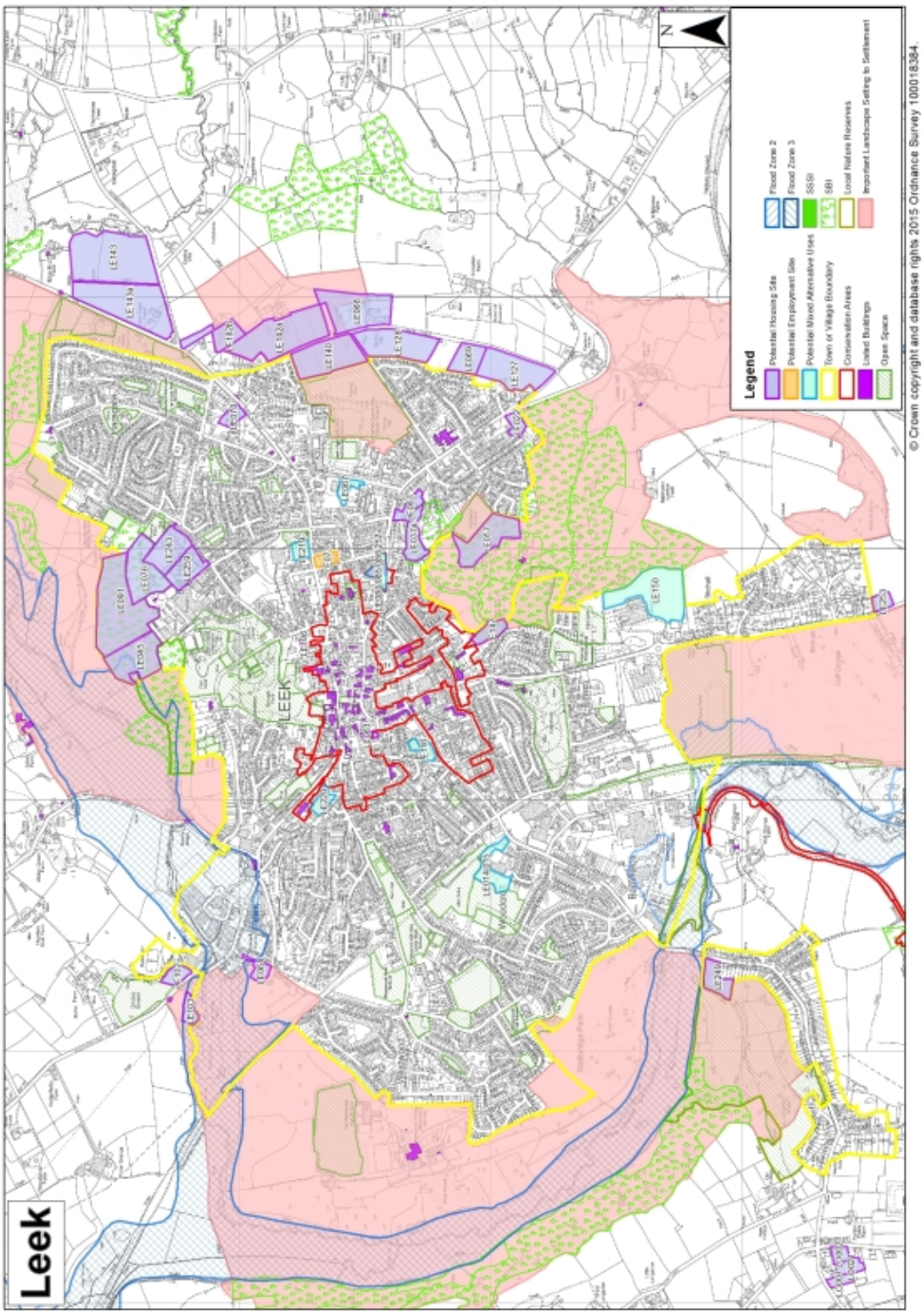

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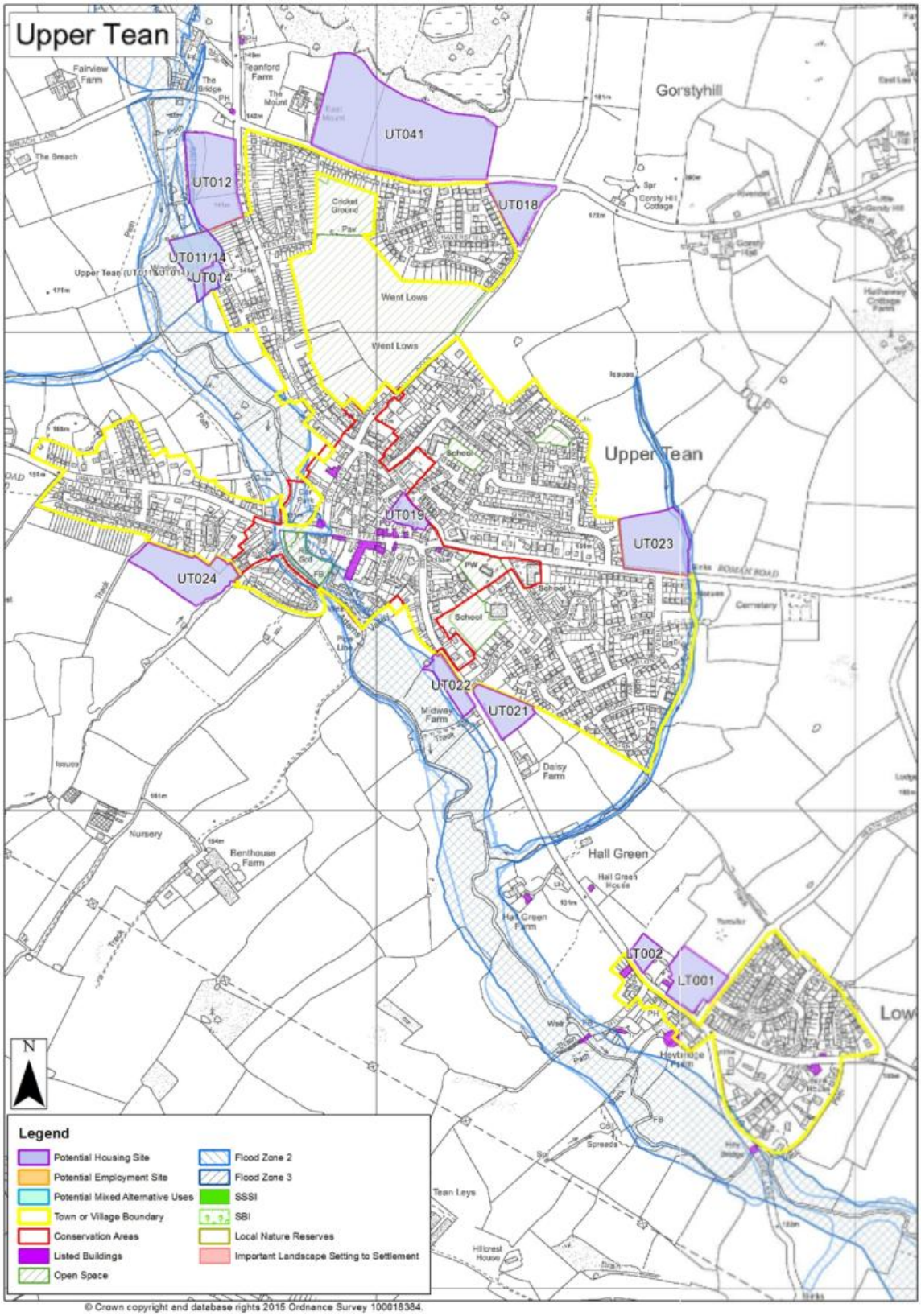

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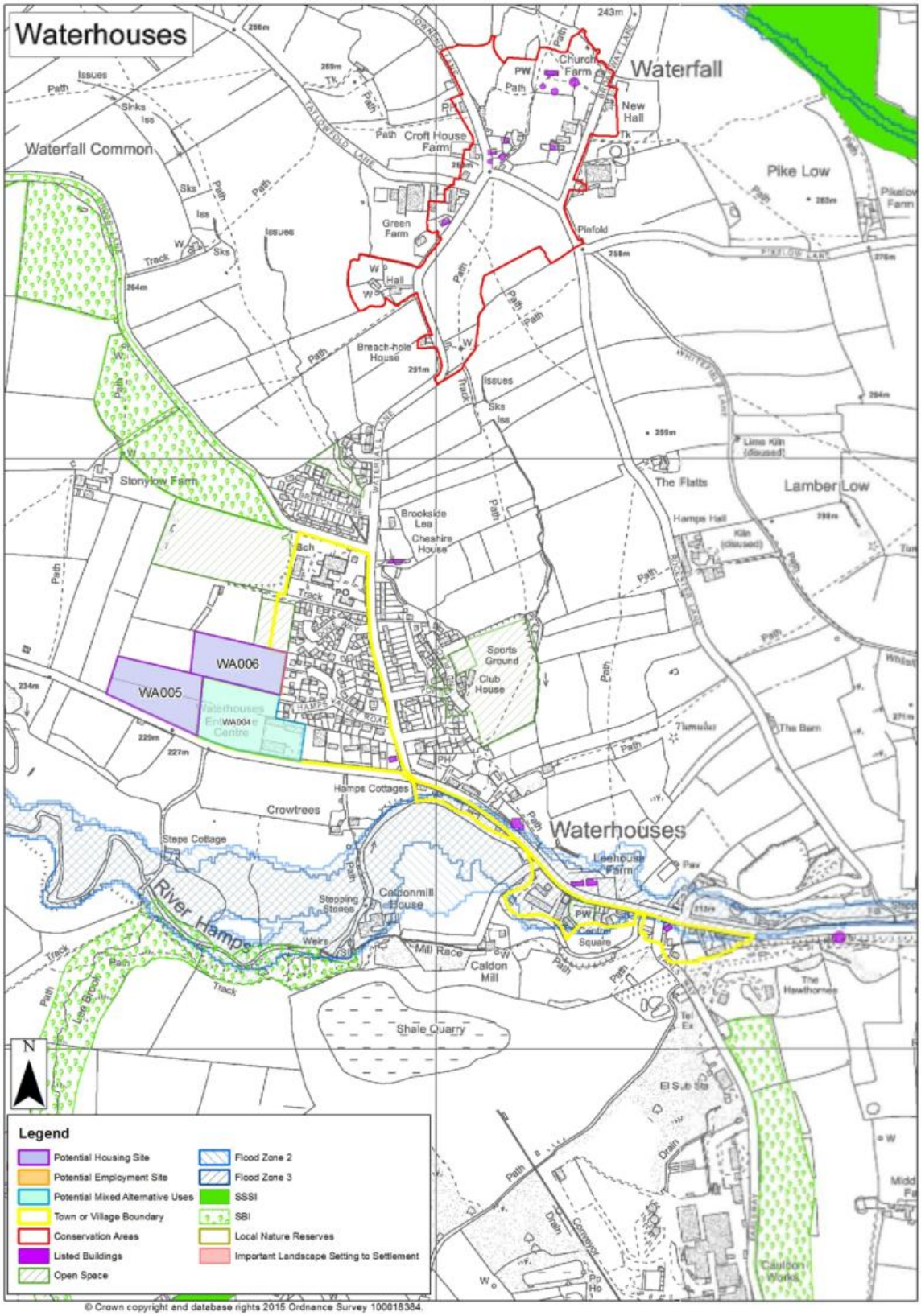

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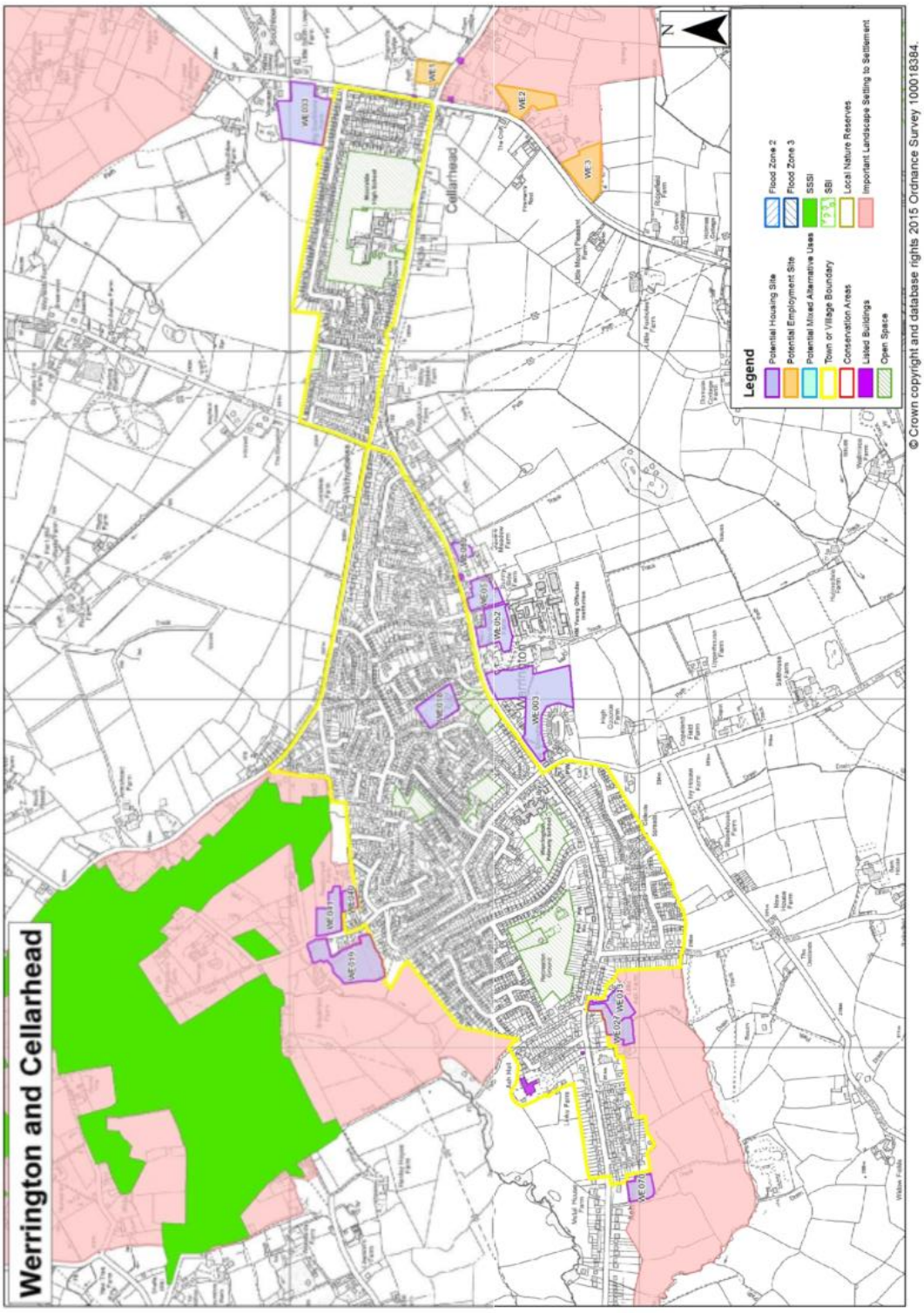

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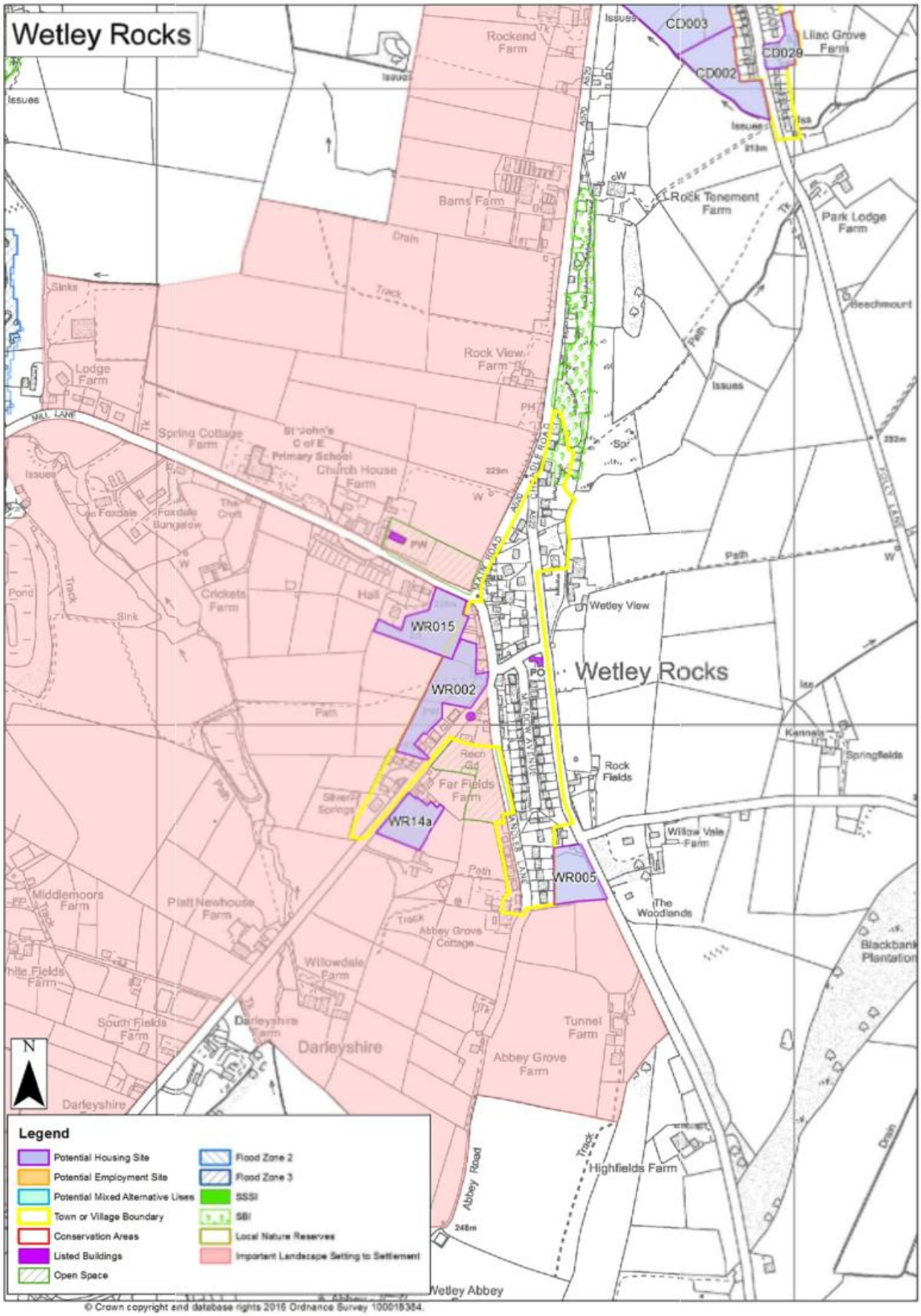
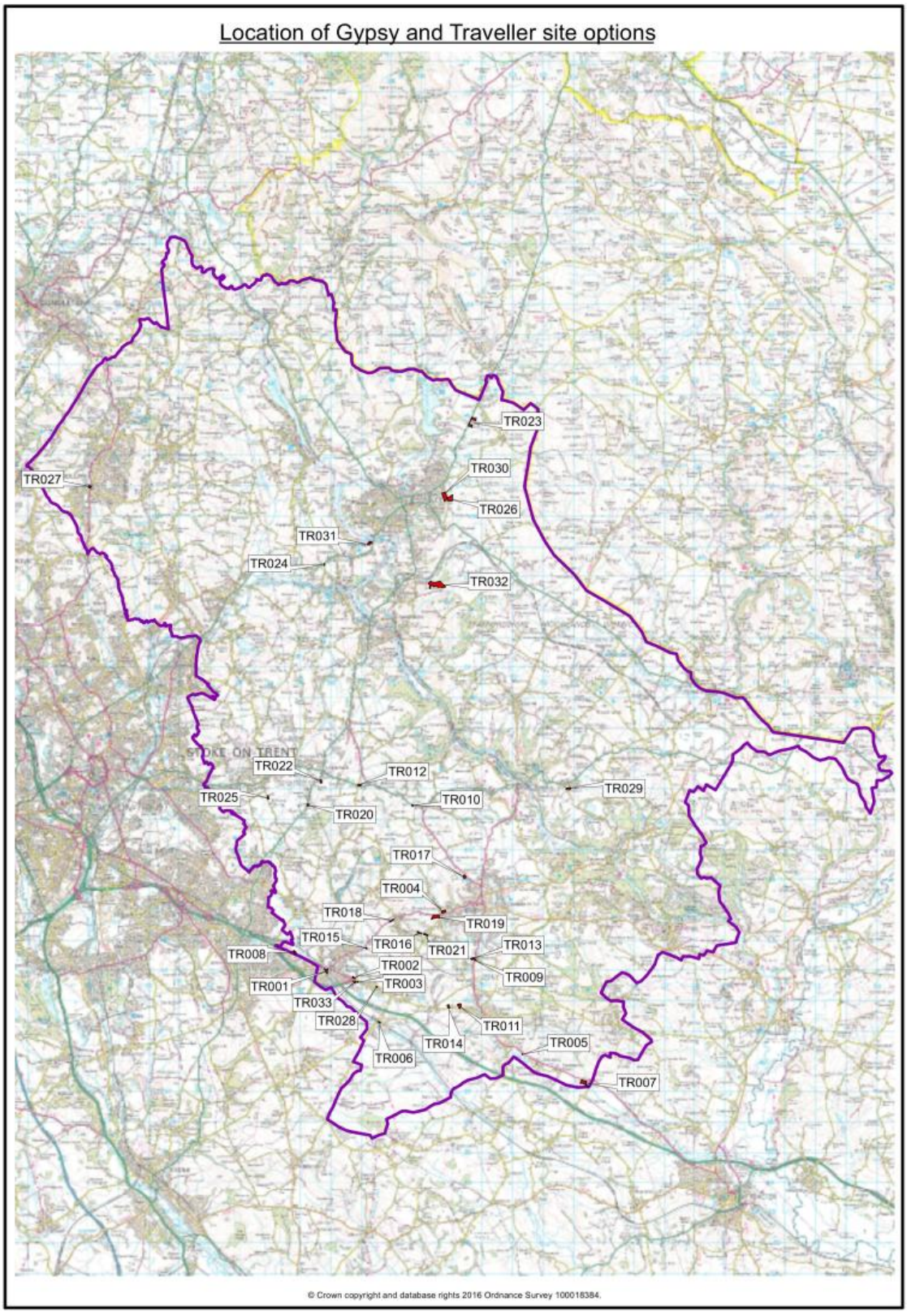


Map 22.15 Wetley Rocks constraints map

22.1 Location of Gypsy and Traveller site options



Map 22.16 Location of Gypsy and Traveller site options

Review of relevant plans, programmes and policy objectives

23 Review of relevant plans, programmes and policy objectives

Plans, Policies and Programmes
International / European Context
The Johannesburg Declaration on Sustainable Development 2002 Key commitments from the declaration are: Sustainable production and consumption, renewable energy & energy efficiency, produce chemicals in ways that do not lead to significant adverse effects on human health and the environment and develop integrated water resources management and water efficiency plans. These elements are reflected in SA objectives 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12.
The Rio Declaration on Sustainable Development Set out the Precautionary Principle: 'Where there are threats of serious or irreversible damage, lack of full scientific certainty shall not be used as a reason for postponing cost-effective measures to prevent environmental degradation. This is reflected in SA Objectives 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12.
Strategic Environmental Assessment SEA Directive 2001/42/EC Ensure that environmental consequences of certain plans and programmes are identified and assessed during their preparation and before their adoption. See scoping report and subsequent SA reports.
The UNECE Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision Making and Access to Justice for Environmental Matter (The Aarhus Convention) This Convention stated that everyone has the right to receive environmental information that is held by public organisations and public authorities are obliged to actively disseminate environmental information in their possession. The publication of each report produced for the SA process addresses this implication.
EU Water Framework Directive 2000/60/EC The Water Framework Directive, which came into force in 2000, established an integrated approach to the protection, improvement and sustainable use of Europe's rivers, lakes, estuaries, coastal waters and groundwater. The Directive sets objectives to protect particular uses of the water environment from the effects of pollution and to protect the water environment itself from especially dangerous chemical substances. The new objectives are broader ecological objectives, designed to protect and, where necessary, restore the structure and function of aquatic ecosystems themselves, and thereby safeguard the sustainable use of water resources. One of the requirements is that all watercourses should be of 'good' status, and in order to do this, whole catchments are to be considered. The Directive therefore introduces a river basin management planning system which will be the key mechanism for ensuring the integrated management of: groundwater; rivers; canals; lakes; reservoirs; estuaries and other brackish waters; coastal waters; and the water needs of terrestrial ecosystems that depend on groundwater, such as wetlands. The planning system is seen to provide the decision-making framework when setting environmental objectives, providing new opportunities for anyone to become actively involved in shaping the management of river basin districts and their neighbouring river catchments. The Staffordshire Moorlands district lies within the Humber river basin and has a number of rivers and tributaries affecting the following: River Blithe, Churnet, Dane, Dove, Hamps, Manifold and Tean.
The European Communities Directive 92/43/EEC on the Conservation of Natural and Semi-Natural Habitats and of Wild Fauna and Flora - The Habitats Directive. The EU Habitats Directive is the cornerstone of Europe's nature conservation policy. The Directive takes into account endangered species and habitats on a European scale, and therefore not all of the species are relevant to the habitats and conditions expected to be found in the UK. Animals covered by European legislation include species of bat, newt, frog, butterfly and otter. Plants covered by European legislation include orchid, fern and marshwort. The Habitats Directive also designates areas as Special Areas of Conservation (SAC), due to the presence of protected species. There are two SACs in close proximity to the Staffordshire Moorlands ch are located very close to the border. These will be considered within a HRA assessment.

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International / European Context
The Wild Birds Directive 2009/147/EC The aim of the Directive is to prevent or avoid the destruction and pollution of bird habitats (of certain identified species) and designates Special Protection Areas (SPAs). There is 1 SPA within the Staffordshire Moorlands, Peak District Moors Phase 1 which provides an important breeding ground. This will be considered within a HRA assessment.
The European Landscape Convention (Florence, 2000) The European Landscape Convention introduced a Europe-wide concept centring on the quality of landscape protection, management and planning and covering the entire territory, not just outstanding landscapes. Through its ground-breaking approach and its broader scope, it complements the Council of Europe's and UNESCO's heritage conventions. This is reflected in SA Objective 14.
The EU Strategy on Green Infrastructure There is a need to develop, preserve and enhance healthy green infrastructure to help stop the loss of biodiversity and enable ecosystems to deliver their many services to people and nature. The greater the scale, coherence and connectivity of the green infrastructure network, the greater its benefits. The EU Strategy on green infrastructure outlines how to deploy such a network and encourages action at all levels. This is reflected in SA Objective 10.
EU Directive 2009/28/EC Promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources - the UK has committed to sourcing 15% of its total energy from renewable sources by 2020. Further to Article 4, the UK Government published its National Renewable Energy Action Plan, which sets out how this could be achieved in the context of other UK obligations (such as Climate Change Act 2008). This aim is addressed by SA Objective 7.
The Air Quality Framework Directive 1996 (Directive 96/62/EC on ambient air quality assessment and management) Avoid, prevent and reduce harmful effects of ambient air pollution on human health and the environment. This is reflected in SA Objective 8.
2010 Biodiversity Target Endorsed by the World Summit on Sustainable Development and the United National General Assembly at the 2005 World Summit, the Conference of the Parties (COP) identified a framework and indicators for assessing progress towards and communicating the 2010 Biodiversity Target at the global level. Parties were invited to establish their own targets and identify indicators within this flexible framework. This aim is addressed by SA Objective 10.
The Waste Framework Directive 2008 (Directive 2008/98/EC on waste) Prevention or reduction of waste production and its harmfulness and encouraging the recovery of waste by means of recycling, reuse or reclamation. Encouraging the recovery or disposal of waste without endangering human health and without using processes that could harm the environment. This is reflected in SA Objective 12.
The Floods Directive 2007 (Directive 2007/60/EC on the assessment and management of flood risks) Establish a framework for the assessment and management of flood risks, aiming at the reduction of the adverse consequences for human health, the environment, cultural heritage and economic activity associated with floods. Preliminary Flood Risk Assessments to be completed by December 2011. Flood Hazard Maps and Flood Risk Maps to be completed by December 2013. Flood Risk Management Plans to be completed by December 2015.

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International / European Context
This is reflected in SA Objective 9.

Review of relevant international plans, programmes and policy objectives

Plans, Policies and Programmes
National and Regional Context
UK Sustainable Development Strategy "Securing the Future" (2005) This document sets out 5 key aims (1) Living within environmental limits; respecting the limits of the planet's environment, resources and biodiversity. (2) Ensuring a strong, healthy and just society, which meets the diverse needs of existing and future communities. (3) Achieving a strong, stable and sustainable economy. (4) Using sound science responsibly, ensuring sound evidence supports policies. (5) Promoting good governance. The document sets out many indicators to measure sustainable development - many of which have been incorporated into the SA Framework.
Climate Change Act 2008 Introduced a statutory target of reducing carbon emissions by 80% by 2050 below 1990 levels, with an interim target of 34% by 2020. This is addressed in SA Objective 7.
UK Low Carbon Transition Plan (LCTP) - National Policy for Climate and Energy (2009) This document sets out how the government intended meeting its binding carbon targets, 80% by 2050 below 1990 levels (an interim target set at 34% by 2020). The LCTP also set individual carbon targets for the major UK government departments, which were in turn expected to produce their own individual plans. The LCTP set out how sectors including, power, homes, workplace, transport and farming can address working towards a lower carbon future. In terms of the workplace it aimed to cut emissions 13% on 2008 levels by 2020;to save around 500m tonnes of carbon dioxide a year across the EU by 2020, create 1.2m jobs in the low-carbon industry and invest approximately £120m in offshore wind, and an additional £60m in marine energy. This is addressed in SA Objective 7.
The Energy Act 2008 Introduced powers for Feed-In Tariff (FiT) and the Renewable Heat Incentive (RHT) aimed at driving an increase in renewable energy capacity. These are operational from April 2010 and April 2011 respectively. This is addressed in SA Objective 7.
The Carbon Plan 2011 This sets out how the UK will achieve decarbonisation required under the Climate Change Act, in the context of UK energy policy. This is addressed in SA Objective 7.
The Localism Act 2011

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National and Regional Context
The Localism Act is intended to shift power from central government back into the hands of individuals, communities and councils. Key provisions of the Localism Act are: Duty to Co-operate: this requires local authorities and other public bodies to work together on planning issues; Neighbourhood Planning: which allows communities to prepare their own plans which - if found sound, and supported by a majority referendum vote - would become part of the statutory Local Plan; Community Right to Build: which allows communities to bring forward development proposals in line with minimum criteria; Reforming the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL); Reforming the way Local Plans are made. This is addressed in the publication of each SA report.
Housing and Planning Act (2016) Sets out measures to support the delivery of the Government's commitment to deliver new homes. The Act is made up of nine parts: New homes in England, Rogue landlords and property agents in England, Recovering abandoned premises in England, Social housing in England, Housing, estate agents and rent charges: other changes, Planning in England, Compulsory purchase etc, Public Authority land, and General. The Act introduces a requirement for Councils to guarantee the provision of Starter Homes on all "reasonably sized" sites and granted the Government powers to make sure that Councils have Local Plans in place by 2017. It also paved the way for planning permission in principle to be given to sites allocated in a brownfield register, Local or Neighbourhood Plan.
National Planning Policy Framework (2012) This came into effect in March 2012 and is designed to stimulate and expedite delivery of assessed development needs whilst keeping vital environmental protections. It focuses upon a ‘presumption in favour of sustainable development’ and is intended to streamline and simplify the planning system. In terms of the presumption in favour of sustainable development the NPPF defines three key strands. These are: ● An economic role: contributing to building a strong, responsive and competitive economy, by ensuring that sufficient land of the right type is available in the right places and at the right time to support growth and innovation;and by identifying and coordinating development requirements, including the provision of infrastructure; ● A social role: supporting strong, vibrant and healthy communities, by providing the supply of housing required to meet the needs of present and future generations; and by creating a high quality built environment, with accessible local services that reflect the community’s needs and support its health, social and cultural well-being; ● An environmental role: contributing to protecting and enhancing our natural, built and historic environment; and, as part of this, helping to improve biodiversity, use natural resources prudently, minimise waste and pollution, and mitigate and adapt to climate change including moving to a low carbon economy. This is addressed in the publication of each SA report.
National Planning Practice Guidance (2014) The Planning Practice Guidance describes what sustainability appraisal is and how it relates to strategic environmental assessment. Some of the key features include; a significant degree of protection for the Green Belt; how local authorities should act on flood risk assessments, detailed methodology as to how objectively assessed housing need should be

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calculated; need for providing adequate infrastructure in Local Plans; and the re-use of empty and under-used buildings. Note also, that additional guidance regarding renewable energy policy, originally published in July 2013, was amalgamated into this document. This is addressed in the publication of each SA report.
River Basin Management Plans - Humber River Basin District and North West River Basin District The plans are about the pressures facing the water environment and the actions that will address them. They have been prepared under the EU Water Framework Directive, and focus on the protection, improvement and sustainable use of the water environment. These are reflected in SA Objective 9.
River Trent Catchment Flood Management Plan (CFMP) 2010 Produced by the Environment Agency these give an overview of the flood risks across different catchments and ensure that works/development affecting flooding are coordinated between all parties. This is reflected in SA Objective 9.
Staffordshire Preliminary Flood Risk Assessment (PFRA) (2011) The Preliminary Flood Risk Assessments (PFRAs) provide a high level summary of significant flood risk from surface water, ordinary watercourses and groundwater through collection of information on past (historic) and future (potential) floods. They are a requirement of the Flood Risk Regulation 2009 and must be produced every 6 years. This is reflected in SA Objective 9.
Shropshire and Staffordshire Local Flood Risk Management Strategy (2015) This Local Flood Risk Management Strategy (LFRMS) offers an opportunity for Staffordshire County Council (as Lead Local Flood Authority) to formalise their longer term vision and shape individual priorities that deliver the greatest benefit to the people, property and environment of Staffordshire. This is reflected in SA Objective 9.
The Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981(as amended) The Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 consolidates and amends existing national legislation to implement the Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats (Bern Convention) and Council Directive 79/409/EEC on the conservation of wild birds (Birds Directive) in Great Britain (NB Council Directive 79/409/EEC has now been replaced by Directive 2009/147/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 November 2009 on the conservation of wild birds (codified version)). This is reflected in SA Objective 10.
The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 The Regulations provide for the designation and protection of 'European sites', the protection of 'European protected species', and the adaptation of planning and other controls for the protection of European Sites. This is reflected in SA Objective 10.
National Character Area (NCA) Profiles 2014 Produced by Natural England, these profiles provide an invaluable resource for understanding wider landscape context, and highlighting opportunities for enhancement of the natural environment. There are 3 areas which fall within the Staffordshire Moorlands: South West Peak, White Peak and Potteries and Churnet Valley. This is reflected in SA Objective 14.
'Planning for Landscape Change' Supplementary Planning Guidance

Plans, Policies and Programmes
National and Regional Context
County wide supplementary planning guidance prepared to help inform the planning process and based on an assessment of the Staffordshire landscape, sub-dividing the landscape into areas of similar character, or Landscape Character Types. This is reflected in SA Objective 14.
Natural Environment and Rural Communities (NERC) Act 2006 Designed to help achieve a rich and diverse natural environment and thriving rural communities through modernised and simplified arrangements for delivering Government policy. The Act implements key elements of the Government's Rural Strategy that was published in July 2004. This is reflected in SA Objective 10.
Nearby Nature Report 2010 Produced by Natural England, it sets out standards for Accessible Natural Greenspace Standard (ANGSt). ANGSt recommends that everyone, wherever they live, should have accessible natural greenspace: of at least 2 hectares in size, no more than 300 metres (5 minutes walk) from home; at least one accessible 20 hectare site within two kilometre of home; one accessible 100 hectare site within five kilometres of home; and one accessible 500 hectare site within ten kilometres of home; plus a minimum of one hectare of statutory Local Nature Reserves per thousand population. This is reflected in SA Objectives 1 and 3.
Biodiversity 2020: A strategy for England's wildlife and ecosystem services New biodiversity strategy for England that builds on the Natural Environment White Paper and provides a comprehensive picture of how the UK is implementing its international and EU commitments. It sets out the strategic direction for biodiversity policy for the next decade on land (including rivers and lakes) and at sea. The mission for this strategy for the next decade is to halt overall biodiversity loss, support healthy well-functioning ecosystems and establish coherent ecological networks, with more and better places for nature for the benefit of wildlife and people. This is reflected in SA Objective 10.
Safeguarding our Soils: A Strategy for England, 2009 Sets out a strategy to make sure that: • agricultural soils will be better managed and threats to them will be addressed; • soils will play a greater role in the fight against climate change and in helping us to manage its impacts; • soils in urban areas will be valued during development, and construction practices will ensure vital soil functions can be maintained; and • pollution of our soils is prevented, and our historic legacy of contaminated land is being dealt with. This is reflected in SA Objective 11.
Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 Act relates to special controls in respect of buildings and areas of special architectural or historic interest. This is reflected in SA Objective 13.

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National and Regional Context
Staffordshire Historic Environment Record (HER) A database of over 21,000 archaeological sites and monuments, historic buildings and historic landscapes across the county. This is reflected in SA Objective 13.
Staffordshire Historic Farmsteads Guidance Staffordshire County Council in conjunction with Historic England have produced guidance to help inform and achieve the sustainable development of historic farmsteads in Staffordshire, including their conservation and enhancement. This is reflected in SA Objective 13.
Staffordshire Extensive Urban Survey Project The Staffordshire Extensive Urban Survey (EUS) project forms part of a national programme of Extensive Urban Surveys initiated and supported by Historic England. The project covers towns of medieval origin within Staffordshire (including Alton, Cheadle and Leek) and intends to increase and synthesise our knowledge and understanding of the heritage assets that contribute to the development and character of these towns. This is reflected in SA Objective 13.
The Plan for Growth and supporting Ministerial Statement (2011) Sets out the Government's plan to put the UK on a path to sustainable, long term economic growth. This goal is underpinned by the policy objective of achieving strong, sustainable and balanced growth that is more evenly shared across the country and between industries. This includes supporting job creation to introducing a powerful presumption in favour of sustainable development, while retaining existing controls on Green Belt land, and ensuring all planning applications and appeals are processed in 12 months.
Local Growth White Paper October 2010 This Paper set out the Governments approach to supporting economic growth in the regions. At the same time they also announced approval for an initial 24 Local Enterprise Partnership bid proposals (business and Local Authority partnerships for driving local economic growth). A Regional Growth Fund of £1.4 Billion over three years would be used to support economic growth in the regions. Following on from this was the formation of Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs). These followed on from the Government announcement that that Regional Development Agencies (RDAs) would be replaced with a new business support structure: LEP's bringing local councils and businesses closer together in order to boost enterprise and create jobs. This is reflected in SA objectives 16, 17 and 18.
Safer Places: The Planning System and Crime Prevention (2004) The document provides guidance on how to create well-designed, sustainable places that do not fail people, and stand the test of time. This is reflected in SA Objective 4.
Lifetime Homes, Lifetime Neighbourhoods A National Strategy for Housing in an Ageing Society (2008), and Lifetime Homes Standards: These were designed to help prevent many health issues which arise through unsuitable housing and environments for older people. This is reflected in SA Objective 5.
Our Natural Health Service (July 2009) A study by Natural England stating the provision of new and improved parks, woodlands and other green spaces is essential to improve the health of people today and in the future. It aims to increase the number of households that are within 5 minutes walk of an area of green space of at least 2 hectares and to be able to signpost patients to an approved health walk or outdoor activity programme. This is reflected in SA Objectives 1 and 3.

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National and Regional Context
Spatial Planning for Health (November 2010) This was produced to promote the contribution of well planned developments in achieving long term health and aligning planning and health. This is reflected in SA Objective 3.
The Growth and Infrastructure Act 2013 This makes provision for the facilitation and control of development. For example it limits the powers LPAs have to request supporting information with planning applications; and allows applicants to apply to have affordable housing requirements lifted. This is reflected in SA Objective 5.

Review of relevant national and regional plans, programmes and policy objectives

Plans, Policies and Programmes
Local / Sub-Regional Context
Staffordshire Moorlands Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA) (Nathaniel Lichfield and Partners, 2014, updated 2017) The latest SHMA identifies objectively assessed need (OAN) for housing in the Staffordshire Moorlands based upon a range of housing, economic and demographic factors, trends and forecasts. The analysis recommends a requirement of between 235-330 new dwellings per annum and an annual affordable housing need of up to 432 . This is reflected in SA Objective 5.
Staffordshire Flexicare Housing Strategy (2010 - 2015) The strategy sets a framework which shapes and supports development across Staffordshire. This is reflected in SA Objectives 2, 3 and 5.
Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Needs Assessment A North Staffordshire Assessment of Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Needs was undertaken in 2007. A revised Gypsy and Traveller and Travelling Showperson Accommodation Assessment has been undertaken for the Staffordshire Moorlands and neighbouring authorities. The final report was produced in October 2015. This is reflected in SA Objective 5.
Atkins Employment Land Study (2006, updated 2008) This study provides a review of commercial property and existing employment land across the District and identifies future business needs and employment forcasts over the next 15 years, with a view to identifying a portfolio of future sites suitable for employment use. An Employer Skills Needs Survey was also undertaken in 2007. This is reflected in SA Objectives 17 and 18.
NLP Employment Land Requirement Study (2014, updated 2017) This provides an updated employment land review for the District in line with the expectations of the NPPF. Results will be fed into the 2016 Local Plan. This is reflected in SA Objectives 17 and 18.
Staffordshire Moorlands Tourism Study 2011 This provides an appraisal of the role and impact of the visitor economy, and the opportunities for its economic growth across the District and in particular in the Churnet Valley corridor. This is reflected in SA Objective 15.

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Local / Sub-Regional Context
Retail Study (2008 and 2013) updates) The study focuses on future qualitative and quantitative capacity for convenience and comparison retailing across the district. This is reflected in SA Objectives 2 and 16.
Staffordshire Local Transport Plan 3 (LTP3) 2011 - 2026 The LTP3 is produced by Staffordshire County Council and considers: car based travel, walking, cycling, freight, rail and public transport, as well as the management and maintenance of local roads, road safety, and accessibility initiatives including public transport across the County. This is reflected in SA Objective 6.
Staffordshire Moorlands District Integrated Transport Strategy 2011 - 2026 An integrated Transport Strategy has been developed for the district to help prioritise the County Council's expenditure on transport improvements and secure potential resources including developer contributions. This is reflected in SA Objective 6.
Development Capacity Study (2008/9, updated 2010/11) Stage 1 examines the level and capacity of existing infrastructure services and facilities (including social and physical infrastructure) and accessibility. Stage 2 assesses the viability of development sites. Stage 3 appraises the potential impact of changes to the affordable housing targets. This is reflected in SA Objectives 2, 3, 5, 6 and 7.
Green Belt Review The Green Belt review study has been produced as part of the Local Plan evidence base for us to review the Green belt across the District. The study was undertaken by Amec Foster Wheeler in November 2015, with additional sites assessed in September 2016 and April 2017.
Landscape and Settlement Character Appraisal (2008) This document provides an assessment of the character of the landscape and key settlements. A subsequent detailed assessment was undertaken in 2011 of the Churnet Valley. This is reflected in SA Objective 14.
Historic Environment Character Assessment (HEA) (2010) The HEA aims to establish the potential for the historic environment of the identified project areas to absorb new development and housing in particular. This is reflected in SA Objective 14.
Conservation Areas and Appraisals There are 14 Conservation Areas which derive their special qualities from the buildings, their traditional details, materials, scale and form. There are also 7 Conservation Area appraisals which define and record the special architectural and historic interest of the area. These are reflected in SA Objective 13.
Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study This study was undertaken by Wardell Armstrong in 2016. The aim was to assess the landscape sensitivity of proposed development site allocations; assess the potential heritage impacts of proposed development allocations and review the existing Visual Open Space designations to consider sites against Local Green Space criteria.
Open Space, Sport and Recreation Facility Assessment (2009, updated 2017)

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Local / Sub-Regional Context
An assessment of open space, sport and recreation facilities across the district. This is reflected in SA Objectives 1, 2 and 3.
Ecological Surveys Undertaken in 2010 and 2011 providing an ecological assessment of potential development areas for Leek, Biddulph and Cheadle. An extended Phase 1 Habitat Survey for a number of potential site options was produced by Lockwood Hall Associates in 2015. In 2016, the Council commissioned ECUS Ltd to undertake a number of Phase I ecological surveys for potential development sites in the District followed by 'Local Wildlife Site' assessments of all preferred options sites. This is reflected in SA Objective 10.
Green Infrastructure Strategy A network of strategic green infrastructure has been identified. The strategy seeks to create functional and physical connectivity between green spaces, as well as to identify opportunities to provide additional green routes and ecological networks.
Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan SBAP The SBAP has been in place since 1998 in order to co-ordinate conservation efforts in delivering the UK BAP targets at a more local level. Staffordshire Moorlands Biodiversity Opportunity Map Zones have also been produced by Staffordshire Wildlife Trust. This is reflected in SA Objective 10.
Staffordshire Moorlands Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (2008, updated 2015) This provides an assessment of the extent and nature of the risk of flooding across the District. The Level 1 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) assesses and maps all forms of flood risk from groundwater, surface water, sewer and river sources. This also takes into account future climate change predictions. This is reflected in SA Objective 9.
Staffordshire County Wide Renewable / Low Carbon Energy Study (2010) This document considers the technical potential, viability and the deliverability of various renewable and low carbon options. This is reflected in SA Objective 7.
Biddulph Town Centre Area Action Plan (adopted 2007) The Biddulph Town Centre Area Action Plan sets out the statutory planning policy for Biddulph town centre and focusses upon the delivery of regeneration in Biddulph town centre. This is reflected in SA Objectives 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 13, 16, 17 and 18.
Leek Town Centre Masterplan Adopted in 2014, the Masterplan is a comprehensive plan for the town centre which will provide a framework for future development. This is reflected in SA Objectives 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18.
Cheadle Town Centre Masterplan Adopted in 2014, the Masterplan aims to identify job opportunities, redevelop vacant and underused land and property and increase spend in Cheadle. This is reflected in SA Objectives 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18.
Churnet Valley Masterplan

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Local / Sub-Regional Context
The Churnet Valley is identified in the Core Strategy as a sustainable tourism area - Policy SS7. Adopted in 2014, the Masterplan will have a major influence on future planning decisions affecting the area and on other initiatives and strategies. This is reflected in SA Objectives 1, 2, 6, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18.
Staffordshire Moorlands Wind Turbine Landscape Sensitivity Study (2015). This study augments current landscape character assessments and assesses the appropriateness in landscape / visual impact terms of new, and additional turbines, across a range of heights / numbers across the District's landscape character areas. This is reflected in SA Objectives 7 and 14.
Neighbouring Local Plans and accompanying Sustainability Appraisals Peak District National Park Authority - Core Strategy adopted 2011 Stafford Borough Council - Local Plan adopted 2014 East Stafford Borough Council - Local Plan 2012 - 2031 Cheshire East Council - Local Plan adopted 2017 Stoke-on-Trent and Newcastle-under-Lyme Councils - Joint Core Strategy adopted 2009

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Summary of baseline data

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SOCIAL					
Population (ONS, Census 2011 and Interim 2011 – based Subnational Population Projections)	• Staffordshire Moorlands: 97,106 • Leek: 20,768 (21.4%) • Biddulph: 19,892 (20.5%) • Cheadle: 12,165 (12.5%) • Rural Areas - Outside of the Towns: 44, 281 (45.6%)	Proportion of population under 14 (2011) • UK: 17.7% • Staffordshire Moorlands: 15.3% • Leek: 16% • Biddulph: 16% • Cheadle: 15.6% • Rural Areas: 14.4% Proportion of population over 65 and over • England: 16.4% • Staffordshire Moorlands: 21% • Leek: 19.7% • Biddulph: 20.6% • Cheadle: 20.1% • Rural Areas: 22%	Increase in population between 2001 and 2011 from 94, 489 to 97,106. Both Biddulph and Leek's population has increased but Cheadle's has stagnated. In 2011, 21% of the population was 65 and over compared with 17% in 2001. Between 2001 and 2011 there has been a decrease in the percentage of the population that are aged 0-14 years old from 17% in 2001 to 15% in 2011. Between 2011 and 2021 the number of people aged 65 or over in the Staffordshire Moorlands is predicted to increase by 5.3% from 20.8% to 26.1%.	Increasingly ageing population will have major implications for housing and the working population in the District.	Need to address implications of higher than average older population particularly in the rural areas.

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General Health Staffordshire Moorlands Health Profile 2013 (Public Health England Sept 2016)	Staffordshire Moorlands Average: Smoking in pregnancy – 12.1 (local value) Starting breast feeding – 62.4 (local value) Excess weight adults – 65.7 (local value) People diagnosed with diabetes – 7.5 (local value)	England Average Smoking in pregnancy – 11.4 Starting breast feeding – 74.3 Excess weight adults – 64.6 People diagnosed with diabetes – 6.4	Of the 31 indicators in the 2016 health profile, 10 were better than the England Average, most were similar to the average whilst the indicators identified (left) were worse than the national average.	There is a mixed picture for health across the district. The overall health of the people of Staffordshire Moorlands has improved over the past decade, with people living longer and fewer people dying from major illnesses, such as cancer, heart and respiratory diseases, thus increasing population size many of whom are living longer with a long term condition. However there are high levels of inequality across the wards of Staffordshire Moorlands with Leek North and Biddulph East having particularly high levels of premature mortality.	Need to improve the health of older people through housing and access to community facilities and services. Need to co-ordinate Council strategies and those of partners, to alleviate health inequalities particularly in mental health and children and families, and addressing worklessness and skills.
Life expectancy and causes of death (Public Health England, Staffordshire Moorlands Health Profile Sept 2016)	Staffordshire Moorlands Life expectancy – Males 80.1 years Life expectancy – Females 83.1 years Smoking related deaths – 253.6 (local value) Early deaths: heart disease and stroke – 65.1 (local value) Early deaths: cancer – 127.2 (local value) Road injuries and deaths: 29.8 (local value)	England Average Life expectancy – males 79.5 years Life expectancy – females 83.2 years Smoking related deaths – 274.8 Early deaths: heart disease and stroke – 75.7 Early deaths: cancer – 141.5 Road injuries and deaths: 39.3	Men in Staffordshire Moorlands have a higher life expectancy compared to the England average. This is not the case for women.		

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Ward health indicator matrix illustration based on 2012 (SCC)	Staffordshire Moorlands Life expectancy males – 78.4 Life expectancy females – 82.3 Premature mortality rate from all causes (per 100,000 under 75) – 266 Teenage Pregnancy rate per 1,000 girls aged 15-17 - 34 Childhood overweight and obesity (reception) – 27.3%	Wards Life expectancy males Leek North - 75.3 Life expectancy females Leek North - 79.0 Biddulph East – 80.1 Cheadle West – 80.3 Premature mortality rate from all causes (per 100,000 under 75) Leek North – 421 Biddulph East – 366 Teenage Pregnancy rate per 1,000 girls aged 15-17 Leek North – 65 Childhood overweight and obesity (reception) Leek North – 30.6% Biddulph East – 33.2%	Leek North and Biddulph East have particularly high levels of premature mortality.		
Adult participation in sport (1 x 30 min session a week)	2005/2006 (APS1) 31.7% 2007/2008 (APS2) 30.2% 2008/2009 (APS3) 31.9%	2015/2016 (APS 10) Staffordshire: 36.2% West Midlands: 34.7%	The levels of participation in sport in the district have remained largely steady since 2005.		Need to ensure that provision meets the needs of the population in terms of quality and accessibility.

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(Sport England Active People Survey Oct 2015 - Sep 2016)	2009/2010 (APS4) 29.8% 2010/2011 (APS5) 27.2% 2011/2012 (APS6) 32.4% 2012/2013 (APS6/7) 32.1% 2013/14 (APS8) 33.2% 2014/15 (APS9) 34.0% 2015/16 (APS10) 35.4%	National: 36.1%	The 2016 district levels are similar to the west midlands but slightly lower than the county and national average.		Where deficiencies are identified new provision or contributions towards provision or qualitative improvements should be made by developers. Where necessary allocate new sites.
Pupil numbers (SCC, Education)	Admissions into Reception have increased over the last 10 yrs from an average of 964 for the 5 year period from 2004/05 - 2008/09 to an average of 1,010 for the period 2009/10 to 2013/14. Numbers are projected to increase further to an average of 1,055 over the next four years. The number of pupils on roll in Year 7 at secondary/high schools within the district as a whole has fallen over the last ten years from an average of 1,297 for the 5 year period from 2004/05 to 2008/09, to an average of 1,252 between 2009/10 to 2013/14. Projections indicate that pupil numbers will increase over the next ten years and will be on average 1,302 pupils. Any residential development proposed in the District will increase these numbers further.			There has been an increase in pupil numbers, particularly at primary school phase due to increased births within the district. As a result additional school places have been provided, and Staffordshire County Council is continuing to work with schools to identify where additional school places can be provided to address the existing shortfall of school places. Any large scale development within the 3 main areas of Cheadle, Leek and Biddulph, whether on a single site, or several smaller sites, will likely necessitate a new primary school to be located within the development site(s). This increase in pupil numbers will impact on Middle and High Schools over the next 5 years and beyond and additional middle and secondary school phase places will be necessary.	Need to identify potential new school locations necessitated by the level of development proposed for the 3 main areas of Cheadle, Biddulph and Leek. Land to be allocated within residential development site allocations to ensure that the education impact can be mitigated by new development. Need to identify requirement for additional facilities and services / provisions that may be gained through developer contributions.

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				Any residential development in Staffordshire Moorlands will increase pupil numbers further and may necessitate education contributions to provide additional school places. Staffordshire County Council does not have sufficient resources to construct buildings and other infrastructure to keep pace with the rate of new development. Developers will be expected to provide the necessary education contributions and where applicable new schools to mitigate the impact of their development.	
Households (ONS, Census 2011)	Staffordshire Moorlands: 41,772 Leek: 9,326 (22.3%) Biddulph: 8,528 (20.4%) Cheadle: 5,150 (12.3) Rural Areas: 18,768 (44.9)	Percentage change since 2001 Census: Total number of households in the Staffordshire Moorlands has risen by a slightly slower rate over the last 10 years 7.1% (2001-2011) compared to 7.36% the previous 10 years (1991-2001).	Growth in the number of households is likely to continue. Growth has remained stable in Leek but declined slightly in Cheadle and Biddulph. The rural areas have seen a slight increase in growth compared to other areas.		Need to ensure that new housing meets local needs.
Crime (ONS, 2016)	36.2 crimes per 1,000 population in Staffordshire Moorlands (2014/2015)	45.2 crimes per 1,000 population in Staffordshire (2014/2015)	Current long term trends are stable.	Staffordshire Moorlands is getting safer and has the lowest crime rates in Staffordshire. Despite continuing improvements in the rate of crime, fear of crime remains an issue.	Need to ensure that new developments create accessible and safe public and private environments and include 'designing out crime' initiatives.
Fear of Crime (ONS, 2016)	Crime risk 3.6%; fear of crime 6% in Staffordshire Moorlands (2014/2015)	Staffordshire crime risk: 4.5% National crime risk: 6.7% (2014/15)	Residents generally feel safe and 63% state that the level of crime is one of the most important factors in making somewhere a good place to live.		

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Housing Land (Core Strategy, 2014) (Emerging Local Plan, 2018)	Core Strategy identifies requirement for 6,000 new dwellings (2006-2026) Local Plan for 6080 additional dwellings 2012 - 2031	At 31 March 2017, 679 dwellings have been completed and 1442 are committed with planning permission, PDNP allowance is 100, leaving a net residual requirement of 3859 dwellings (2017-2031).	Over the 4 years 2009 - 2014 the delivery of new homes dropped significantly. After a boost in the supply in 2014/15, rates of delivery dropped off again in 2015/16. In 2015/16 the Council had a 1.87 year supply.	Managing a 5 year supply of deliverable land continues to be a key issue particularly as the number of annual completions has reduced.	The review of the Core Strategy for the period 2016-2031 allows consideration of the latest SHMA data.
(Staffordshire Moorlands Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA) 2014, updated 2017)	SHMA February 2017 identifies objectively assessed need (OAN) for the District within the range 235 - 330 new dwellings per annum.				
New housing completions (net) (SMDC, Annual Monitoring Report 2015/16	2006-2007 - 260 2007-2008 - 261 2008-2009 - 236 2009-2010 - 185 2010-2011 - 110 2011-2012 - 58 2012-2013 - 96 2013-2014 - 78 2014 -2015 - 278 2015-2016 - 99	Local Plan Target 320 per annum			
Average House Price (UK House Price Index, November 2017)	Staffordshire Moorlands - £178,086	England - £243,339 Staffordshire - £186,572	Staffordshire Moorlands 2001 - £83,149 Annual price change of a property in England: +5.3% since November 2016.	House prices increased significantly 2013 - 2014, but have since levelled off.	Need to ensure that new housing meets local needs e.g. affordable and elderly. Reducing the threshold could achieve greater numbers of affordable housing to meet identified need but could have

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Affordable Housing (SMDC, Annual Monitoring Report 2015/16)	The updated SHMA (February 2017) concluded that there was a net annual need of between 224 and 432 affordable dwellings, which attributing an estimated delivery rate of 33% equates to a total need of at least 679dpa and potentially as high as 1,309dpa.	365 affordable dwellings completed 2000-2013. Ascent Housing (SMDC and Harvest Housing Group) secured HCA funding for 400 affordable homes. Between 1st April 2015 and 31st March 2016 19 affordable homes were built: Biddulph: 7 units Cheadle: 0 units Leek: 12 units Rural areas: 0 units	The District Council's SPG on Housing for Local People and Affordable Housing requires 33% of housing of 15 dwellings or more to be affordable.	Core Strategy Policy H2 requires that sites that in the towns of 15+ dwellings need to provide target of 33% affordable housing. In the villages sites of 5+ dwellings need to provide a target of 33% affordable housing. This threshold is consistent with current evidence of viability. It is proposed to carry this policy through to the Local Plan.	viability implications. This has been reviewed as part of the 2016 Local Plan. Need to explore specifically allocating sites for affordable housing, particularly in the villages.
House types: Detached Semi-detached Terrace Flat / Apartment Other (ONS, Census 2011)	Staffordshire Moorlands – 40.5 % Staffordshire Moorlands – 37.9 % Staffordshire Moorlands – 16.3 % Staffordshire Moorlands – 5.1 % Staffordshire Moorlands – 0.2%	West Midlands– 23.8% England – 22.4% West Midlands - 37.2% England – 31.2% West Midlands– 22.9% England – 24.5% West Midlands– 15.5% England – 21.2% West Midlands– 0.6% England – 0.7%	There is a much higher percentage of detached dwellings compared to the West Midlands and England. There is a much lower percentage of smaller properties such as terraced houses and flats / apartments compared with the West Midlands and England.		Need to ensure an appropriate mix of house types within development schemes.

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Tenure Owner Occupied Shared Ownership Social Rented Private Rented Other (ONS, Census 2011	Staffordshire Moorlands – 79.7% Staffordshire Moorlands – 0.3% Staffordshire Moorlands – 8.9% Staffordshire Moorlands – 9.8% Staffordshire Moorlands – 1.3%	West Midlands– 64.9% England – 63.3% West Midlands– 0.7% England – 0.8% West Midlands – 19% England – 17.7% West Midlands – 14% England – 16.8% West Midlands – 1.4% England – 1.3%	There is a much higher percentage of dwellings that are owner occupied compared to the West Midlands and England. There is a much lower percentage of social rented / private rented / shared ownership properties compared with the West Midlands and England.	The limited supply of housing in the Staffordshire Moorlands and high demand has led to high prices and rents.	Need for greater choice of housing tenure. Local Plan Policy H3 seeks 60% of all affordable housing to be social affordable rented with the remaining 40% being intermediate / starter homes.
Recreation (SMDC, Annual Monitoring Report 2015-16)	Shortfalls exist in Biddulph, Leek and the rural area for facilities for children. - Shortfalls exist in Biddulph, Cheadle, Leek and the rural area for facilities for young people. - Shortfalls exist in Biddulph and Cheadle for outdoor sports facilities.		A number of improvements have been made to existing facilities at the Moorlands Leisure Centre hub in Cheadle and Birchall Playing Fields, Leek. Improved sports facilities are planned in Biddulph.	Need to address shortfall in play areas and outdoor recreation facilities in locations throughout the District. Need for qualitative enhancements to a number of existing amenity greenspace sites.	New housing developments to provide adequate on-site open space and/or developer contributions for improvements to existing recreational facilities and open space. Consider the need for new open space allocations.
Travel to Work Car / van use for travel to work (driving or passenger) (ONS, Census 2011)	Staffordshire Moorlands 78.7%	West Midlands – 71.1% England – 62%	Car ownership has increased in the Staffordshire Moorlands, (2001, 73%).	High incidence of caruse	Need to encourage modal shift away from car through other organisations e.g. SCC & public transport companies Need to encourage travel plans within and outside planning process and car sharing

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Bus service frequencies in District (SCC, 2013)	Settlements with a frequent service (hourly or better): • Biddulph • Biddulph Moor • Blythe Bridge • Brown Edge • Cheadle • Cheddleton • Endon • Kingsley • Leek • Upper Tean • Werrington & Cellarhead • Wetley Rocks Settlements with a less frequent service: • Alton • Ipstones • Waterhouses			Infrequent services, especially in rural areas	Need to support various public transport initiatives through the work of partners e.g. County Council Need to promote bus service promotion through planning process e.g. travel plans

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Modal split of non car modes: all work journeys (ONS, Census 2011)	Staffordshire Moorlands Bus/taxi: 2.5% Rail/Tram: 0.8% Motorbike/scooter: 0.5% Cycling: 0.1% Walking: 9.2%		Significant increase in walking to work since 2001 (0.56%) but decline in all other modes since 2001	Lack of services to many rural areas County funding may only be forthcoming for those routes likely to be viable/profitable Low use of these modes compared to car use	Need to encourage modal shift away from car through the work of partner organisations e.g. SCC Need to encourage travel plans within and outside planning process
Rail facilities within District	Station located at Blythe Bridge			Lack of rail facilities in District. Moorlands and City Railway have reopened one of the protected lines from Cheddleton to Cauldon Lowe and hope to eventually open the line from Stoke to Leek.	Need to ensure policy protection for disused, or proposed rail routes. Need to seek improvements (through the planning process or elsewhere) for improved rail facilities and services.
Homeworking Work mainly at or from home (ONS, Census 2011)	6.75% of all employed residents of District	4.8% - West Midlands 5.3% - England	Since 2001 this figure has declined for the Staffordshire Moorlands (11.3%).	Overall home-working is higher than elsewhere in the West Midlands and England. Need to improve broadband access in the District particularly in the remoter areas.	Need to support continued growth of home-working, as it reduces need to travel.
Council public parking provision in District (SMDC Parking Section)	Leek: 759 Biddulph: 137 Cheadle: 453 Other: 154	Parking provision is considered within the Biddulph Town Centre Area Action Plan and the Town Centre Masterplans for Leek and Cheadle.	Sainsbury's site in Biddulph provides 379 parking spaces in the town centre.	Without adequate parking there is a danger that people will choose to travel to other centres, which will affect the ality and viability of the town centres	Need to improve car parking in the town centres i.e. better signage and environmental improvements. Need to improve / facilitate access by public transport to reduce the reliance on cars.

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Car ownership in District (ONS, Census 2011	85.2% of households have at least 1 car or van	75.3% - West Midlands 74.2% - England	Since 2001 this has increased for the District 2001 - 83.1%.	High ownership may be one factor in high car use for e.g. commuting.	Need to enable and encourage travel without use of car and provide local employment opportunities. Need to ensure that accessibility for those without a car is maintained and improved.
ENVIRONMENT					
CO_2 Total Emissions (National Atmospheric Emissions Inventory, 2005 - 2015)	Staffordshire Moorlands kt CO_2 2005: 814.3 2015: 645.3	Staffordshire: 4,710.7 kt (2015) Stoke-on-Trent: 1386.1 kt (2015)	Overall emissions have reduced slightly over the last 5 years but the contribution from 'Large Industrial Installations' has remained relatively stable.	In the Staffordshire Moorlands a significant amount of this is created by large industrial installations. This is largely due to having a cement works in the District. Cement production involves a chemical process that results in CO_2 being released.	Need to consider climate change as one of the sustainability issues to be addressed.
Flood Risk Staffordshire Moorlands Level 1 SFRA (2008)	A Level 1 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) was undertaken in 2008. Areas of low, medium and high risk have been mapped. This includes information on flooding from rivers, surface water, ground water, artificial water bodies and sewers.	This provides the basis for the Sequential Test for the Technical Guidance from the NPPF to be applied.		Environment Agency floodmaps have been improved as a result of remodeling work on the River Churnet. New development may have implications on surface water drainage and increased risk of flooding.	Make use of areas in Flood Zone 1 and away from sources of risk before locating development in areas at higher risk. Some potential sites may need a Level 2 Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA).
Water Quality Water Framework Directive Waterbodies (Environment Agency, 2014) Staffordshire Moorlands Level 1 SFRA (2008)	In 2009 the Environment Agency published their River Basin Management Plan for the Humber River Basin District. The Dove catchment, within the Humber River Basin District, includes the River Dove, Churnet Manifold and Hamps, covering much of the Staffordshire Moorlands District. Within the Dove catchment, only 12 out of 37 river water bodies are artificial or heavily modified as a consequence of	The EU Water Framework Directive requires all countries in the EU to achieve at least 'good' status for all water bodies by 2015. Reason for derogation from achieving this where appropriatein SMDC is detailed in the note at the end of this section. In these cases target is to achieve good status by 2027.		Key actions for the Dove Catchment include: Improve sewage treatment works to reduce the levels of nutrients including phosphate to ensure no adverse impact on the Special Area of Conservation. Target pollution prevention campaigns around industrial areas in the lower reaches of the Dove catchment.	The ability of waterbodies to meet their required status by 2027 could be hindered by growth. Flood risk management activities are expected to have a significant impact on the ability of the UK to comply with the requirements of the WFD, as flood protection can involve substantial alteration to the natural properties of a river.

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	development, flood risk management, navigation and water supply. As a result, 68% of the assessed water bodies within the Dove catchment are regarded as having an ecological status of at least "good". Two had an ecological classification of poor in 2009: R Maniford / Dove from R Hamps to R Churnet and Leekbrook from source to R Churnet. Details are provided in a note at the end of this section.			Investigate sources of poor water quality in waterbodies due to physical chemistry determinands; the impact of abstractions and into the source and control of nitrates within the catchment. Continue to tackle diffuse pollution across the Dove and Churnet catchment with continued use of the England Catchment Sensitive Farming Delivery Initiative.	Local Plan should ensure that watercourses are retained at, or returned to, their most natural possible condition.
Renewable Energy SMDC, Annual Monitoring Report Dec 2013)	The council has granted permission for over 40 separate renewables installations which amount to almost 21 megawatts of installed capacity. The vast majority of these are not yet installed.	Support for schemes originated in PPS1 (Sustainable Development) and PPS22 (Renewable Energy). Support continued in 2012 NPPF. Energy Act 2008 introduced financial incentives (Feed-in Tariff and Renewable Heat Incentive). Permitted development rights have been broadened in relation to micro-renewables.	Growing number of renewables applications however each scheme must be assessed on its own merits. Since 2010 only 15 out of 33 schemes have been approved.	Most renewables sites are likely to be in rural, Greenfield and often elevated locations. For this reason proposals raise visual or landscape character impact implications.	Need to apply existing policy consistently. Written Ministerial Statement 18 June 2015 set out new considerations to be applied to proposed wind energy development.
Waste Recycle for Staffordshire.org)	SMDC total household waste 2012/13: 39,675.67 tonnes. Total recycling: 22,685.82 tonnes; recycling rate: 57.2% Total organic waste: 13,320.24 tonnes; rate composted / treated: 33.6%	The Staffordshire Moorlands has one of the lowest amount of residual household waste in Staffordshire and the second highest percentage of household waste that is reused, recycled or composted.	These amounts / percentages for the district have remained stable.	Need to maintain and improve where possible, lower levels of residual household waste and higher levels of reuse and recycling.	Need to encourage the re-use of construction or construction waste materials, especially those sourced locally (i.e. minerals available on site as appropriate). Where possible integration of on-site waste management facilities.

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Landscape Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (2016) Landscape and Settlement Character Assessment (2008)	The Councils Landscape and Settlement Character Assessment assesses the character of the landscape, settlement setting and a review of visual open space designations. The North Staffordshire Green Belt surrounds settlements in the western half of the District.	The Government attaches great importance to Green Belts and states that boundaries should only be altered in exceptional circumstances. (NPPF, 2012).	The green belt in Staffordshire Moorlands District has been subject to only minor change since the adopted 1998 Local Plan.	Close to Stoke-on-Trent, the green belt is particularly vulnerable.	Balance the need for reviewing the green belt boundary with the development needs of individual settlements. Ensure that the distinctive character of the landscape is retained and change is managed positively.
Designated sites (Natural England & Staffordshire Ecological Record)	Special Areas of Conservation (SACs) : 2 sites Peak District Dales SAC (1.2km from planning authority boundary) South Pennine Moors SAC (0.01km from planning authority boundary) Special Protection Area (SPAs): 1 site Peak District Moors (South Pennine Moors Phase 1) (0.01km from planning authority boundary) Special Site of Scientific Interest (SSSI): 23 (5094 ha) Regionally Important Geological Sites (RIGS): 33 (56 hectares) Local Nature Reserves: 7 sites (56 ha) County Sites of Biological Importance 249 (2094 ha)	There are no sites within the District boundary but a number within 15 km of it, with the South Pennine Moors SAC being extremely close, approximately 0.01km from the boundary and the Peak District Dales SAC is just over a kilometre away.	The number of sites have increased over time.	The Staffordshire Moorlands has a significant number of internationally designated sites and locally protected sites. Main threat to limestone grasslands of the Peak District Dales SAC is from inappropriate grazing management. Proposed developments have the potential to interfere with drainage patterns within the site. The impact of dust from quarrying needs to be assessed. Main threat to South Pennine Moors SAC is the impact of atmospheric pollution on the site. The quality of flora of woodlands, bogs and heaths has suffered from poor air quality. Aim is to try and ensure continued improvements in air quality to allow affected species to recolonise if they can. Access management has been a key issue for the area. Management of key pressures (grazing and burning) in order to maintain ecosystems is being carried out.	Ensure that appropriate assessment is carried out on all land use plans affecting Natura 2000 sites (SACs and SPAs). Need to continue to work with partner organisations who notify and manage sites designated under the biodiversity legislation.

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	County Biodiversity Alert Sites: 90 (304 hectares)			Main threat to Peak District Moors (South Pennine Moors Phase 1) SPA is due to historic air pollution, high grazing pressure and wildfire burns, many habitats are sub-optimal (in vegetation terms). Habitat erosion or fire, combined with disturbance of breeding birds can have significant impacts.	
Area of Designated Sites (above) brought into favourable condition (Natural England)	Percentage area SSSI Condition Favourable or unfavourable recovering: Bath Pasture 9ha: 100% Brown End Quarry 1.7ha: 100% Caldon Dales 10ha: 100% Caldon Low 0.8ha: 100% Cauldon Railway Cutting 2.2ha: 100% Churnet Valley 347ha: 99.75% Colshaw Pastures 3.26ha: 100% Combes Valley 113ha: 100% Dimmings Dale and The Ranger 23ha: 100% Ecton Copper Mines 99ha: 100% Froghall Meadow and Pastures 11ha: 100% Hamps and Manifold Valleys 1,009.83ha: 94.87%	Biodiversity 2020 sets out actions to increase the proportion of Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs) in favourable condition.	By 2020 target is for better wildlife habitats with 90% of priority habitats in favourable or recovering condition and at least 50% of SSSIs in favourable condition, while maintaining at least 95% in favourable or recovering condition.	Need to continue to carry out management work of its SSSIs, and support management of partner organisations. Need to consider scope of acquiring contributions through planning process, for the management of existing habitats, or for the purposes of creating new ones.	

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	Hulme Quarry 40.7ha: 100% Leek Moors 3,970.84ha: 85.99% Moss Carr 8.47ha: 100% Rue Hill 15.53ha: 95.65% Saltersford Lane Meadows 4ha: 100% Swineholes Wood & Black Heath 46.2ha: 100% Thorncliffe Moor 57.59ha: 100% Wetley Moor 69.47ha: 100% Whiston Eaves 10.44ha: 67.47%				
Priority habitats and protected species SMDC Green Infrastructure Strategy 2017	Priority habitats are defined as NERC Act S41 habitats of principal importance and local BAP habitats identified in the Plan Area include: Acidic grassland Calcareous grassland Neutral grassland Fen / marsh / swamp Rivers and streams Heathlands Broad leaved woodlands Mixed woodlands	Local Biodiversity Action Plans (such as the Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan) identify local priorities for biodiversity conservation and work to deliver agreed actions and targets for priority habitats and species and locally important wildlife and sites.	There is a trend towards fragmentation and isolation of habitats. Working at a landscape level, or ecosystems approach, the Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan (SBAP) focuses conservation efforts on the areas within the county that will result in the greatest benefit for ecological networks, habitats and species.	Managing priority habitats will support the habitat needs for many of the priority species associated with the area. Ancient and semi-natural woodland are important for their bird assemblages including redstart, pied flycatcher and wood warbler and wet woodland and scrub are important for willow tit. Woodland is also important for invertebrates including the argent & sable moth. Priority habitat moorland and grassland mosaics support the priority bird species curlew, snipe and lapwing and the priority habitat of rivers and streams can support water voles, another priority species for conservation action. Cecilly Brook, Cheadle holds a strong, isolated population of water voles.	There is a need to protect and maintain natural and semi-natural habitats of nature conservation value outside of statutory designated sites to sustain the variety of important habitats and species within the county and the District. The Local Plan should also be supported by a Green Infrastructure Strategy to help ensure better ecological connectivity of habitats.

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	The Churnet Valley area supports examples of nationally important grassland types.				
Irreplaceable natural habitats State of Staffordshire's Nature 2016 Technical Report, Staffordshire Wildlife Trust SMDC Green Infrastructure Strategy 2017	Known distribution of irreplaceable natural habitat across the District is mapped in the Council's GI strategy. Woodland cover exceeds 3,000ha in the Churnet Valley, a large proportion of which is of ancient origin. Woodland birds such as redstart, pied flycatcher and wood warbler, and invertebrates including the argent & sable moth are found throughout.		Many of the woodland bird species found in Staffordshire are showing national declines. Lesser-spotted woodpecker, willow tit, tree pipit and wood warbler have all shown strong longterm declines of more than 50%, whilst redstart and pied flycatcher have shown moderate long-term declines of 25% to 50%. Willow tit is the UKs fastest declining resident bird. Meanwhile woodland butterflies declined 55% in England between 1990 and 2014.	Trees and woodland classed as "ancient" or "veteran" are irreplaceable. Ancient woodland takes hundreds of years to establish and is considered important for its wildlife, soils, recreation, cultural value, history and contribution to landscapes. "Veteran trees" are trees which, because of their age, size or condition are of cultural, historical, landscape and nature conservation value. They can be found as individuals or groups within ancient wood pastures, historic parkland, hedgerows, orchards, parks or other areas.	Local Plan should enable the protection, connection and enhancement of irreplaceable natural habitats, particularly ancient woodlands and veteran trees.
Heritage Assets (SMDC, Regeneration)	The District contains just under 1,000 Listed buildings and structures, 16 Conservation Areas (as at September 2016) and a number of scheduled monuments. Conservation Areas: Alton & Farley Bagnall Biddulph Grange Cauldon Canal Caverswall Cheadle	There is a rolling programme of Conservation Area Appraisals New Conservation Area designations are proposed.	The high quality built environment of the area, with its wealth of historic buildings, conservation areas and archaeological sites and monuments, represents an important social, cultural, recreational and educational resource as well as helping to make it an appealing place to live, work and visit.	The District Council has a duty to publish proposals for the preservation and enhancement of conservation areas Current funding opportunities to help repair and enhance properties.	Need to ensure that proposals do not adversely affect historic assets identified within the Staffordshire Moorlands Funding available for limited period only.

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	Checkley Cheddleton Endon Horton Ipstones Leek Oakamoor Rudyard Stanley Upper Tean Also 2 Historic Parks and gardens (both Grade 1): Biddulph Grange Alton Towers				
Visitor Numbers (Steam Report 2012)	4.84 million people visited the Staffordshire Moorlands in 2012. Of these 4.37 million were day visitors.		Visitor numbers were slightly higher in 2011 (5.11 million). Of these 4.63 million were day visitors.	Tourism makes a significant contribution to the local economy In 2012 only 10% of visitors stayed overnight however this has increased from 5% (2004).	Need for better quality including serviced accommodation. Need for better promotion of use of public transport. Need to improve the evening economy in the towns.
Previously-Developed Land	Percentage of new dwellings built on previously developed land in 2012/2013 - 90%	BVPI Target: 65%	The percentage of dwellings built on previously developed has increased significantly over the last 10 years.	Brownfield land is a finite resource and the percentage of new homes built on previously developed land	The adopted Core Strategy sets out a preference for the development of previously

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(SMDC, Annual Monitoring Report Dec 2013)				will decrease as there are less opportunities and greenfield sites are developed to meet housing need.	developed sites before greenfield sites however the current lack of a 5 year housing supply could be an issue.
ECONOMIC					
Employment Land Employment Land Requirement Study, Update 2017	The emerging Local Plan identifies the provision of 27 hectares of employment land in the District.	Threats to the economy from competition from surrounding areas and the loss of existing employment sites due to closures, restructuring and pressure from other uses, particularly housing.	A review of the existing employment land situation and future employment land requirement has been undertaken.	Lack of good quality modern premises and smaller sized units available for immediate take up. Recent downturn in the national economy is a threat to growth and continuation of existing businesses and ability to attract new firms.	Need to strengthen the District's role within the sub-region. Need to meet local employment needs in order to achieve self-sufficient communities. Need to allocate additional employment sites.
Business Structure (nomis official labour market statistics 2017)	UK Business Counts (2017) SMDC: Micro (0 to 9): 3,850 Small (10 to 49): 280 Med (50 to 249): 30 Large (250+): 5 Total: 4,165	Staffordshire is shown to have lower business start up rates than regional and national averages. The business start-up rate has declined significantly in Staffordshire which is similar to the regional and national trends.	The number of VAT registered businesses in the Staffordshire Moorlands have declined since 2007 (3,650). Business registrations in the Staffordshire Moorlands have also declined since 2007 (280).	Except for Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough, enterprise rates in the Staffordshire Moorlands are the lowest in Staffordshire.	Need to adopt initiatives to encourage further employment development and retention/expansion of existing businesses.
Out-of-Work Benefits Claimant Count (Nomisweb, Dec 2017)	Staffordshire Moorlands Number of claimants – 530 Claimant Rate – 0.9%	West Midlands Claimant Rate – 2.4% Great Britain Claimant Rate – 1.9%		The claimant count is much lower than the West Midlands and the Great Britain count. However there are wards within the district where rates are much higher (such as Biddulph East and Leek North).	Need to diversify the economic base to improve employment opportunities within the Staffordshire Moorlands District.
Employment Development	The amount of employment land lost to non-employment uses varies from year to year. 2012-2013 this was 372m^2.			There is concern for the loss of small employment sites to residential use.	Need to safeguard good quality employment sites from the development of other uses.

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(SMDC, Annual Monitoring Report Dec 2013)					
Labour Supply (Nomisweb, 2017)	Economically active Oct 2016 – Sep 2017 Staffordshire Moorlands: Economically active: 51,000 (80.5%) In employment: 49,500 (78.0%) Employees: 42,400 (68.3%) Self-employed: 7,100 (9.7%) Unemployed: 1,700 (3.3%)	Economically active Oct 2016 – Sep 2017 West Midlands: Economically active: 76.2% In employment: 72.0% Employees: 62.3% Self-employed: 9.5% Unemployed: 5.4% Great Britain: Economically active: 78.1% In employment: 74.5% Employees: 63.6 % Self-employed: 10.6 % Unemployed: 4.5%	Economic activity in the District has increased since 2012/13 when 41,300 people were in employment (66.5%). Unemployment in 2012/13 was higher at 2,500 (5.6%).	Economic activity has increased in the Staffordshire Moorlands. The percentage in employment (78%) is higher than in the West Midlands (72%) and Great Britain (74.5%).	Need to diversify the economic base to further improve employment opportunities for residents.
Earnings by place of residence (Nomisweb, 2017)	Staffordshire Moorlands Gross weekly pay (pounds): Full-time workers: 515.9 Male full-time workers: 547.2	West Midlands Gross weekly pay (£): Full-time workers: 517.4 Male full-time workers: 561.3	The level of workplace-based pay (for people working in the District) has been steadily increasing but still remains some way below that of the West Midlands and Great Britain.	Economic activity has increased in the Staffordshire Moorlands. The percentage in employment (78%) is greater than in the West Midlands (72%) and Great Britain (74.5%).	Need to diversify the economic base to further improve employment opportunities for residents.

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	Female full-time workers: 476.3	Female full-time workers: 454.7 Great Britain Gross weekly pay (£): Full-time workers: 552.7 Male full-time workers: 594.2 Female full-time workers: 494.4		A high proportion of those residents in the Staffordshire Moorlands who are economically active but not in employment do not want a job or are retired.	
Earnings by place of work (Nomisweb, 2017)	Staffordshire Moorlands Gross weekly pay (pounds): Full-time workers: 483.3 Male full-time workers: 543.4 Female full-time workers: 364.7	West Midlands Gross weekly pay (pounds): Full-time workers: 514.9 Male full-time workers: 562.0 Female full-time workers: 451.4 Great Britain Gross weekly pay (pounds): Full-time workers: 552.3 Male full-time workers: 594.1 Female full-time workers: 494.0			
% of pupils achieving 5 or more GCSEs A* to C grades	Staffordshire Moorlands 84.9% (2012)	Staffordshire 83.5% (2012) West Midlands 85.5%	Staffordshire Moorlands 63.8% (2005)	The results have increased significantly since 2005 and are higher than the Staffordshire and national average.	Ensure the provision of relevant employment skills, training and support to retain and develop local workforce.

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(Department of Education, 2013)		(2012) England 81.8% (2012)			
Employment by Occupation Nomisweb, 2017)	Oct 2016 – Sep 2017 Managerial, professional and technical (Groups 1-3) Staffordshire Moorlands – 22,700 (45.9%) Administrative, secretarial and skilled trades (Groups 4-5) Staffordshire Moorlands – 8,800 (17.8%) Caring, leisure, sales and other services (Groups 6-7) Staffordshire Moorlands – 5,400 (10.9%) Plant/machine operatives and elementary occupations (Groups 8-9) Staffordshire Moorlands – 12,600 (25.4%)	Oct 2016 – Sep 2017 Managerial, professional and technical (Groups 1-3) West Midlands –41.4% Great Britain – 45.6% Administrative, secretarial and skilled trades (Groups 4-5) West Midlands – 21.5% Great Britain – 20.7% Caring, leisure, sales and other services (Groups 6-7) West Midlands – 16.7% Great Britain – 16.7% Plant/machine operatives and elementary occupations (Groups 8-9) West Midlands – 20.4% Great Britain – 16.9%		The District has a higher percentage of people working in Groups 1-3 than in the West Midlands and is broadly similar with the level for Great Britain. It has a lower percentage of people working in Groups 4-7 than in the West Midlands and Great Britain and a higher percentage in Groups 8-9.	Need to identify and improve training opportunities in the District.

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Town Centre Health (Source: SMDC 2017)	Vacancy rates (%): Biddulph 15.8% Cheadle 13.6% Leek 7.9%	Average for district is now higher than both UK and West Midlands rates which are 9.6% and 10.0% respectively (July 2017) – but Leek remains stronger than other locations / above average.	Numbers of vacant shops have increased in all three towns (2016 to 2017) despite good levels of new occupation (e.g. 24 new in Leek; 8 new in Cheadle; 5 in Biddulph) – which means that despite new openings including national chains such as Peacocks & Argos – more have closed than opened. Charity shop occupation has remained static in all three towns & remains low with a district average of just 4.1%	Leek has a lower vacancy rate than the West Midlands and UK average. All 3 towns have an individual character and are not dominated by national retailers.	Need to maintain the vitality and viability of the towns. Need to enhance local distinctiveness. Need to protect the retail function in the heart of the town centres.
Retail Retail Study, GVA 2013, partial update 2017)	Functioning shopping high streets in Leek, Biddulph and Cheadle. Town Centre and Retailing Policies set out in emerging Local Plan.	Hanley, Stoke-on-Trent – 6-10 miles Manchester - 30 miles Some surrounding villages have small-scale facilities	The vitality and viability of town centres has been challenged by the economic climate and changing shopping habits with the increased use of online shopping at the expense of the high street.	All 3 town centres are considered to be displaying signs of vitality and viability according to the retail study. The success of town centres may be undermined by competition from online shopping.	Need to protect the towns as service centres. Need to continue to improve the environment to attract retailers and shoppers to the town centres. Need to promote additional local employment to help encourage people to shop in the area. There is a need to support further food retail development in Biddulph. No additional comparison floorspace currently needed in any of the towns – review of comparison floorspace allocation in Biddulph AAP is recommended in Retail Study.

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					Further comparison floorspace may be needed in Leek if the units on the Sainsburys site are not developed.
Food Retail (Data Source: Retail Study, 2013)	% of residents that use local food stores for their main food shopping: Leek Leek catchment: 95.9% Leek South catchment: 51.1% Leek Peripheral Catchment: 42.1% Cheadle. Cheadle: 64.7% Outer Cheadle catchment: 27.7% Biddulph Biddulph Catchment : 54.5%		The overall main food market share which Leek secures from its respective catchment zones has significantly increased since 2006. The retention levels for the immediate Leek catchment area are particularly high with extremely limited expenditure leakage to alternative centres and stores. The conversion of the former Somerfield store to Morrison's in Cheadle has significantly increased main food expenditure retention in the town from both its immediate and outer catchments. The Asda store (former Netto) performs a minor main food shopping role. The opening of the new Sainsbury's store has had a significant impact on convenience provision within Biddulph Town Centre with three previous (top-up orientated) stores having subsequently closed. The Sainsbury's store has also generated a positive increase in the town centre main food market share (c. 40% increase since 2006).	Whilst the new Sainsbury's store has addressed the significant quantitative and qualitative deficiencies in the convenience retail offer in Biddulph, the town still only retains c. 55% of main food spend arising within its tightly drawn catchment. There remains significant outflow of main food expenditure to mainstream and deep discount foodstores in Congleton and the wider Stoke-on-Trent conurbation (Tunstall, Kidsgrove etc.).	Retail Study has identified a qualitative need for a sustainably located discount food store (c. 1,000 m^2 net sales) in Biddulph so as to provide additional competition and choice for local residents due to the closure of the other food stores in the town.

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Non-Food Retail (Data Source: Retail Study, 2013)	% of those residents living in the Leek Catchment using local stores for their comparison goods shopping (by type): a)Personal Goods – 66.2% b)Small Domestic Appliances – 82.3% c)CDs / DVDs – 21.4% d)Books & Stationary – 87.8% e)Glassware / Tableware – 67.6% f)Medical Goods – 87% g)Recreational Goods – 54.8% h)Bulky Goods – 48.4% Leek South Catchment: a) 12.5% b) 27.4% c) 6.9% d) 36.2% e) 20.7% f) 37% g) 19.1% h) 11.5%		The overall comparison market share (non-bulky and bulky combined) retained by Leek town centre from its immediate catchment is c. 55%; this is relatively positive given the limitations of the existing comparison retail offer and competition from Stoke-on-Trent. In terms of future strategy for Cheadle, the retail study identifies limited quantitative need for new comparison retail in Cheadle over the emerging Local Plan period.	If the comparison retail floorspace forming part of the Sainsburys scheme in Leek does not come forward for development, further retail warehousing provision is likely to be needed in Leek. There is now a lower demand for comparison goods floor space in Biddulph than set out in the AAP.	Need to update the study for the plan period post 2018 to investigate whether any further capacity needs arise. The Retail Study recommends that the Council re-visits its AAP allocation on the west side of Biddulph Bypass and considers alternative uses for the site.

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	Leek Peripheral Catchment: a) 20% b) 17.4% c) 0% d) 28.1% e) 23.7% f) 24.5% g) 21.9% h) 12.8% Cheadle Catchment: a) 15.8% b) 50.4% c) 39% d) 58.1% e) 40% f) 85.7% g) 7.2% h) 33% Outer Cheadle: a) 1.1%				

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	b) 19.4% c) 12.5% d) 22.4% e) 9.3% f) 33.2% g) 0% h) 12.2% Biddulph Catchment: a) 7.7% b) 53.1% c) 34% d) 47.6% e) 39.4% f) 69.5% g) 4.4% h) 18.8%				

Table 24.1 Summary of Baseline Data

Waterbody ID Code	Waterbody Name	River Basin District Name	River Basin Catchment	Heavily Modified ?	Protected Area ?	Protected Area Drinking Water	Protected Area Freshwater Fish	Protected Area Nitrates (NVZ)	Protected Area Wild Birds	Protected Area Habitats Site	Ecological Classification 2009 (baseline)	Classification Prediction by 2015	Overall Objective	Reason for Derogation from achieving good status/potential by 2015
GB112068060180	River Dane (Clough Brook to Cow Brook)	North West	Weaver_Gowy	Not Designated A/HMWB	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Good	Good	Good Status by 2015	
GB112068060230	River Dane (Source to Clough Brook)	North West	Weaver_Gowy	Not Designated A/HMWB	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Good	Good	Good Status by 2015	
GB112068055360	Biddulph Brook	North West	Weaver_Gowy	Not Designated A/HMWB	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Moderate	Moderate	Good Status by 2027	Disproportionately expensive
GB104028052450	River Tean from Cheadle Catchment to River Dove	Humber	Dove	Not Designated A/HMWB	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Moderate	Moderate	Good Status by 2027	Technically infeasible
GB104028052470	Great Gate/Wootton/Combridge Catch (trib of Dove)	Humber	Dove	Not Designated A/HMWB	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Moderate	Moderate	Good Status by 2027	Disproportionately expensive
GB104028053310	Causeley Brook from Source to River Trent	Humber	Staffordshire Trent Valley,	Heavily Modified	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Moderate	Moderate	Good Potential by 2027	Technically infeasible
GB104028053320	River Trent from Ford Green Bk to Causeley Brook	Humber	Staffordshire Trent Valley,	Heavily Modified	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Moderate	Moderate	Good Potential by 2027	Disproportionately expensive, Technically infeasible
GB104028057780	River Dove from Source to River Manifold	Humber	Dove	Not Designated A/HMWB	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Good	Good	Good Status by 2015	
GB104028053380	Ford Green Brook from Source to R Trent	Humber	Staffordshire Trent Valley,	Heavily Modified	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Moderate	Moderate	Good Potential by 2027	Disproportionately expensive, Technically infeasible
GB104028053400	River Trent from Source to Ford Green Brook	Humber	Staffordshire Trent Valley,	Not Designated A/HMWB	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Moderate	Good	Good Status by 2015	
GB104028058030	River Manifold from Source to Blake Brook	Humber	Dove	Not Designated A/HMWB	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Good	Good	Good Status by 2015	
GB104028052560	D Ramshorn / Wooton Park Catch (trib of Churnet)	Humber	Dove	Not Designated A/HMWB	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Good	Good	Good Status by 2015	
GB104028052580	Stanton/Wootton/Ellastone Catch (trib of Dove)	Humber	Dove	Not Designated A/HMWB	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Good	Good	Good Status by 2015	
GB104028052670	R Manifold/Dove from R Hamps to R Churnet	Humber	Dove	Heavily Modified	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Poor	Poor	Good Potential by 2027	Technically infeasible
GB104028052680	River Churnet from Leekbrook to Endon Brook	Humber	Dove	Not Designated A/HMWB	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Moderate	Moderate	Good Status by 2027	Technically infeasible
GB104028052640	Deep Hayes Country Pk Catch (trib of Endon Brook)	Humber	Dove	Not Designated A/HMWB	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Moderate	Moderate	Good Status by 2027	Disproportionately expensive
GB104028052651	River Churnet from Endon Brook to Consall	Humber	Dove	Heavily Modified	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Moderate	Moderate	Good Potential by 2027	Technically infeasible
GB104028052652	River Churnet from Consall to River Dove	Humber	Dove	Heavily Modified	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Moderate	Moderate	Good Potential by 2027	Technically infeasible
GB104028052660	Endon Brook from Source to Horton Brook	Humber	Dove	Not Designated A/HMWB	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Moderate	Moderate	Good Status by 2027	Disproportionately expensive
GB104028052690	Combes Brook Catch (trib of R Churnet)	Humber	Dove	Not Designated A/HMWB	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Good	Good	Good Status by 2015	
GB104028052710	Endon Brook from Horton Brook to R Churnet	Humber	Dove	Heavily Modified	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Moderate	Moderate	Good Potential by 2027	Disproportionately expensive, Technically infeasible
GB104028052730	Leekbrook from Source to River Churnet	Humber	Dove	Not Designated A/HMWB	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Poor	Moderate	Good Status by 2027	Disproportionately expensive
GB104028052770	River Churnet from Meerbrook to Leekbrook	Humber	Dove	Heavily Modified	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Moderate	Moderate	Good Potential by 2027	Technically infeasible
GB104028052780	Horton Brook from Source to Endon Brook	Humber	Dove	Not Designated A/HMWB	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Moderate	Moderate	Good Status by 2027	Disproportionately expensive
GB104028052790	Rudyard Reservoir Catch (trib of River Churnet)	Humber	Dove	Heavily Modified	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Moderate	Moderate	Good Potential by 2027	Technically infeasible
GB104028052800	River Churnet from Source to Meerbrook	Humber	Dove	Not Designated A/HMWB	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Good	Good	Good Status by 2015	
GB104028052820	Meerbrook from Source to River Churnet	Humber	Dove	Not Designated A/HMWB	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Good	Good	Good Status by 2015	
GB104028052890	River Manifold from Warslow Brook to River Hamps	Humber	Dove	Not Designated A/HMWB	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No Yes but may be an error in RBMP (linked to South Pennine Moors SPA - only v top headwaters affected by this)	Yes	Good	Good	Good Status by 2015	
GB104028052900	River Hamps from Source to R Manifold	Humber	Dove	Not Designated A/HMWB	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Good	Good	Good Status by 2015	
GB104028052910	Warslow Brook from Source to River Manifold	Humber	Dove	Not Designated A/HMWB	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Good	Good	Good Status by 2015	
GB104028052920	River Manifold from Blake Brook to Warslow Brook	Humber	Dove	Not Designated A/HMWB	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Moderate	Good	Good Status by 2015	
GB104028052930	Blake Brook from Source to River Manifold	Humber	Dove	Not Designated A/HMWB	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Good	Good	Good Status by 2015	
GB104028052290	River Blithe from Source to Tad Brook	Humber	Staffordshire Trent Valley,	Not Designated A/HMWB	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Good	Good	Good Status by 2015	
GB104028053090	River Tean from Source to Cheadle Catchment	Humber	Dove	Not Designated A/HMWB	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Moderate	Moderate	Good Status by 2027	Disproportionately expensive, Technically infeasible
GB104028053100	Cheadle Catchment (trib of River Tean)	Humber	Dove	Not Designated A/HMWB	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Good	Good	Good Status by 2015	

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